

# PIKES

CLARE VALLEY

Established 1984

## 2023 'LOS COMPAÑEROS' SHIRAZ TEMPRANILLO

### VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Good winter rain allowed soil profiles to be full, giving the vines a great start to the growing season. A remarkably cool summer, providing perfect conditions for healthy balanced vines. The long ripening period produced fruit with a perfect balance of good colour, high natural acidity, and concentrated flavours.

### WINEMAKING INFORMATION

A blend that is quite unique to Pikes, Shiraz and Tempranillo make perfect blending companions with Shiraz providing fruit sweetness and Tempranillo bringing savoury elements to the wine.

**Fruit Source:** Estate & Growers

**Variety:** 90% Shiraz,  
10% Tempranillo

**Vintage:** 2023

**Region:** Clare Valley

**Fermentation:** Wild yeast, open fermenters, gentle cap management

**Maturation:** 12 months in seasoned French Oak

**Alc/Vol** 14%      **RS** 0.4 g/L  
**pH** 3.6            **TA** 6.3 g/L

### TASTING NOTES

**Appearance:** Medium cherry red.

**Aroma:** Lifted red fruits and cherry cola with some fresh aniseed like flourishes. Bright and inviting from the outset but with further time in the glass it opens further, showing baking spices and pastry notes.

**Palate:** Generous and bright red fruit leads with fresh cherry, both morello and black, alongside raspberry coulis and darker notes of satsuma plum and blackberry. These are framed by red liquorice and a savoury hint of dried thyme. Delicious and moreish, it flows seamlessly across the palate, finishing with soft, powdery tannins that easily invite a second glass.

**Summary:** An easy, satisfying crowd-pleaser, Los Compañeros (Spanish for "The Companions") reflects the great pairing of Shiraz and Tempranillo in both vineyard and bottle. Delightfully balanced and versatile, it won't linger long in the glass, and shines alongside dishes featuring chorizo.

### ABOUT PIKES

Pikes Wines is a family-founded winery, established in 1984 when the Pike family began crafting wine together in Polish Hill River. Our unique site features tough acidic soils over ancient Kadlunga Slate, 650 million years old. Our wines are elegant and approachable, shaped by the land, years of viticultural experience, and a hands-off winemaking style.

### Pikes Tasting Room

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Tasting Room: open daily, from 10am - 4pm

Slate Restaurant: Lunch from 12pm Thu - Sun & Dinner from 6pm Sat

