

# PIKES

CLARE VALLEY

Established 1984

## 2023 'THE ASSEMBLAGE' GRENACHE SHIRAZ MOURVEDRE

### VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The Clare Valley endured one of its most challenging vintages, with the second driest year on record. A wet July was followed by a dry, warm spring and summer. On 17 September, frost hit our Polish Hill vineyard just after budburst. Fortunately, the early timing of the frost allowed our vines to respond with healthy shoot growth and a smaller canopy. Lower yields and careful irrigation led to full ripeness. Fruit showed excellent concentration, with red varieties displaying deep colour and intensity.

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

**Fruit Source:** Estate Grown

**Variety:** 34% Grenache, 33% Shiraz, 33% Mourvedre

**Vintage:** 2023

**Region:** Polish Hill River, Clare Valley

**Fermentation:** Wild yeast ferment, small open fermenters

**Maturation:** 8 months in seasoned French barrique

**Alc/Vol** 13.5%

**pH** 3.42      **TA** 5.8 g/L

### TASTING NOTES

**Appearance:** Medium cherry red.

**Aroma:** Reminiscent of a classic Black Forest Cake, this blend bursts with cherry and raspberry coulis sweetness, layered with milk chocolate. Bright red fruits leap from the glass, gradually revealing darker blackberry and subtle liquorice notes.

**Palate:** Generous Grenache red fruits lead the palate, flowing into plum and blackcurrant jube flavours from the Shiraz. Soft cocoa tannins and herbal sage and pepper spice on the finish create a beautifully balanced and seamless wine.

**Summary:** Our latest release showcases the enduring appeal of this classic Rhône blend, currently enjoying a renaissance for its generous, medium-weight, balanced, and moreish style.

Ready to enjoy now, it will also reward up to five years of cellaring. Famously food-friendly, it pairs wonderfully with red meats, especially Char Siu BBQ pork, where both wine and dish shine.

### 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

