PIKES

CLARE VALLEY
Established 1984

2025 'THE PLANTATION' GRENACHE

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.

WINEMAKING INFORMATION

Fruit Source: Estate and Growers
Variety: Grenache
Vintage: 2025
Region: Clare Valley
Fermentation: Spontaneous fermentation in small open vats
Maturation: 6 months in seasoned French Barrique
Alc/Vol 14.5% **RS** 0.4 g/L
pH 3.45 **TA** 5.1 g/L

TASTING NOTES

Appearance: Brilliant pale cherry red.

Aroma: Bright red fruits leap from the glass, with fresh raspberries and strawberries leading the way. Delicate crushed violets provide floral lift, while hints of red lolly confectionery add a playful sweetness. Fragrant, youthful and inviting.

Palate: Juicy red fruits dominate, with raspberries and strawberries carrying through from the nose. A touch of spice and gentle grip from the grape skins add texture, while minimal oak influence allows the purity of fruit to shine. Light on its feet yet generous in flavour, with refreshing acidity and fine tannins providing lovely balance.

Summary: Our Grenache continues to be one of the most approachable and enjoyable wines in the Pikes stable. Bright, juicy and wonderfully moreish, it's a wine that doesn't take itself too seriously but has plenty of character. Equally at home alongside charcuterie or grilled lamb, and particularly delicious served with a slight chill.



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.

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