

Kangarilla Road Tasting Notes



Kangarilla Road 2019 The Devil's Whiskers Shiraz

The Devil's Whiskers are the two little marks that appear around the top lips of some people when they drink red wine – even just one glass.

A dry winter posed significant challenges for local grape growers. But the proximity to the moderating temperature influence of the Gulf St Vincent, reliable spring rainfall, and access to multiple irrigation sources and helped vineyards cope with a challenging dry and hot season. There were two specific extreme weather events that did significantly alter vineyard development and ripening. Firstly, there was an intense hailstorm in late November and in late January we experienced our hottest daytime temperature since January 2009, 45oC, plus several days in late February where the temperatures were about 38°. Although on average yields ended up down, quality was good with more intense varietal flavours and structural elements.

This Shiraz was sourced from a vineyard located in the gateway to McLaren Vale. The fruit from this vineyard has lovely structure giving solid backbone to the wine with intense mid to back palate presence.

The grapes were fermented in an open fermenter with floating cap management with four cap turnovers per day. The wine was gently pressed at dryness and aged for 18 months in new French oak hogsheads.

Total Acidity g/1L	7.25
Alcohol %	14.5
pH	3.12
Bottling Date	September 2023
Winemaker	Kevin O'Brien

Intoxicating dark berry conserve on the nose with delightful blueberries notes. Glimpses of aromatic cigars and gentle cinnamon notes add engaging complexity.

On tasting there are opulent plush dark berries laced with cinnamon and a myriad of other spices which both charm and bring harmony to the palate.

Drink now – 15 years