



## 2018 Rank & File Shiraz

### Clare Valley

#### The Story

I'd be fair to say that the Australian, and more particularly the South Australian wine industry, has built its reputation on Shiraz. It's grown in almost all wine regions in the country and every wine region in our state. It's the rank and file of our industry. There's no other grape like it for making big, rich, round, soft and balanced wines and Shiraz from Clare has all of these characteristics and its own uniqueness in the form of structure.

#### The Wine

2018 is a terrific vintage - modest crops from old vines of two tonnes an acre gave us stunning Shiraz. The colour's a clue - absolutely black giving a hint of the intensity and depth to come. Its bouquet's got lots of dark plum, bramble, blackcurrant and black cherry fruit with savoury undertones of pepper, spice and black olive. Absolutely mouth-filling on the palate, it's packed with lavish dark fruit and spice and ripe tannins. This is Rank and File on top form and, for some reason, "char-grilled" keeps popping into my head. Delicious!

#### Ben Jeanneret - Winemaker

Growing season rainfall: 397mm	Time on skins: 18 days	Vineyard locations: Armagh, Sevenhill, Stanley Flat	Harvest dates: 15/03/2018, 19/03/2018, 20/03/2018, 11/04/2018
Elevation: 375-510m	Fermentation temperature: 25°C	Pre-harvest diurnal range: 15.4°C	Alc/Vol: 15.5%
	Time on lees: 10 months		
	Time in oak: 17 months		

