



# The Pioneer

## SHIRAZ

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### SHIRAZ 2012

#### REGION

Clare Valley

#### VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Growing conditions leading up to vintage 2012 were relatively mild, with regular spring rains promoting excellent vine canopy growth. Harvest conditions were excellent with only 1 substantial rain event. Overall, yields were lower than long-term averages but the quality was outstanding across all varieties, with intense colour & excellent flavour development.

#### COLOUR

At release, the wine is a vibrant, mid-dense purple crimson with a deep, black cherry-skin core.

#### NOSE

There is fragrant spice, dark cherry, plum, dark chocolate, freshly roasted coffee beans and charry oak characters.

#### PALATE

Generous & rounded at first with juicy, deep berry compote fruits then yielding to a tightly woven frame of firm yet generous tannins. There are alluring oak and fine dark chocolate characters, with a deep, soft centre of ripe berry fruits. Elegant acids and light, long tannins carry the palate to a lingering finish.

#### OAK MATURATION

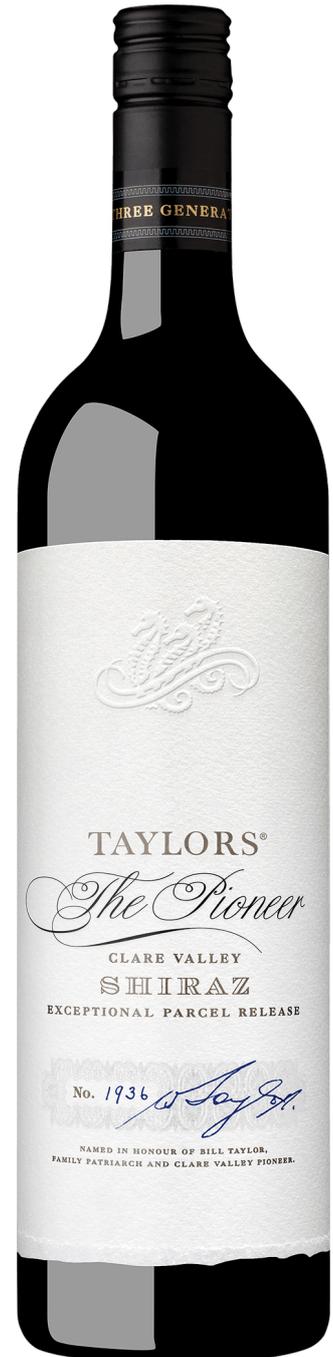
Post MLF, the wine was matured in fine grain American oak barrels - 40 % in new oak & the balance in 1, 2 & 3 year old barrels. Abarrel selection assessment was undertaken after 6 months to identify exceptional parcels & returned to barrel for a further 10 months.

#### CELLARING NOTES

Immediately approachable but will cellar well in ideal conditions for up to 20 years from vintage date.

#### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol	14%	Acid	6.51g/litre
		Residual Sugar	0.69g/litre





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A W A R D S & M E D A L S

**SHIRAZ 2012**

2015	Melbourne International Wine Competition	Double Gold
2015	MUNDUS VINI International Wine Awards	Gold



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### EXPERT REVIEWS

#### SHIRAZ 2012

##### 93/100

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Generous and balanced. An impressive oak aging regimen imparts a hint of tropical coconut flavors that accompany the usual vanilla notes conveyed through the oak. This wine will make an excellent addition to any celebration meal, especially if that meal has a Beef Wellington or Prime Rib Roast on the menu. If you happen to be looking for a gift to appease a wine enthusiast who loves big red wines that are complex and elegant, look no further.

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Generous and rounded with juicy, deep berry compote fruits, firm but gentle tannins. Coconut and fine dark chocolate characters, with a deep concentration of bright berries, luscious and lingering.

JAN 2017, Roger Jones, The Buyer

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