



The Pioneer

SHIRAZ

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SHIRAZ 2013

REGION

Clare Valley

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Growing conditions leading up to vintage 2013 were benign, apart from a frost event in mid-October. It was a dry growing season with few rainfall events. Early December saw 30mm rain which was a season changer. Harvest conditions were excellent starting early February. Our winemakers reported excellent acid balance & flavour development.

COLOUR

At release the wine is a deep crimson red with a vibrant purple hue.

NOSE

Fragrant spice, dark cherry, plum, dark chocolate, freshly roasted coffee beans & charry oak characters.

PALATE

This is a commanding wine with multiple layers of intense, lush dark berry fruit followed by spicy fruitcake & seductive mocha. The palate is full and generous but with precision to the structure and an appealing texture with velvety, mouth-coating tannins mingling harmoniously with fruit & spice. Elegant acids and light, long tannins carry the palate to a persistently rewarding finish.

OAK MATURATION

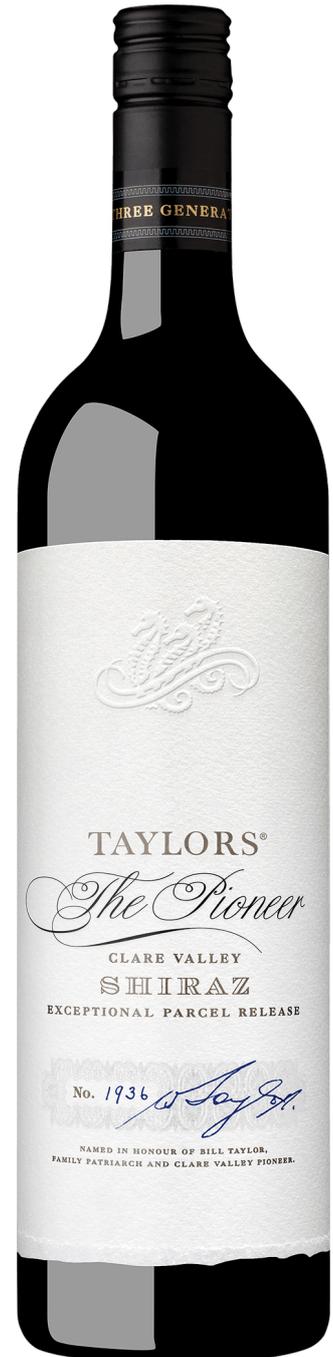
Post MLF, the wine was matured in a selection of fine-grained American oak barrels. 40% in new oak & the balance in 1- 3 year old barrels. Abarrel selection assessment took place after a year to identify parcels deemed 'exceptional' to return to barrel for 8 months maturation prior to bottling.

CELLARING NOTES

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

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol	14.5%	Acid	5.84g/litre
		Residual Sugar	0.7g/litre





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

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2016	VINUS International Wine and Spirits Competition	Trophy
2016	Hong Kong International Wine & Spirit Competition	Trophy
2016	Melbourne International Wine Competition	Double Gold
2016	China Wine & Spirit Awards	Double Gold
2016	VINUS International Wine and Spirits Competition	Double Gold
2016	La Mujer Elige International Wine and Spirits Competition	Double Gold
2016	The Global Syrah Masters	Gold
2016	Hong Kong International Wine & Spirit Competition	Gold
2017	Berliner Wine Trophy	Gold
2017	Sakura Japan Women's Wine Awards	Gold
2017	Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge	Gold
2017	Vinalies Internationales	Gold
2017	Monde Selection International Wine Contest	Gold
2017	The Asian Syrah Masters	Gold
2017	Asia Wine Trophy	Gold
2017	AWC Vienna International Wine Challenge	Gold



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EXPERT REVIEWS

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92/100 OUTSTANDING

Rich, with espresso, chocolate, and kirsch deatils, accented by hints of fresh mint. Offering a supple texture, this is elegant and expressive on the long finish. Drink now thorough 2030.

JAN 2017, MaryAnn Worobiec, Wine Spectator

90/100

Plum liqueur and cake are the main feature on the nose here, as well as a hint of crumble. Full body, rich tannins and a slightly cloying finish make for a rich yet enjoyable style.

JAN 2017, Nick Stock, JamesSuckling.com
