



The Pioneer

SHIRAZ

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SHIRAZ 2014

REGION

Clare Valley

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The growing season leading up to vintage 2014 saw average autumn & winter rainfalls and average temperatures. Whilst rainfall for spring was below average, vine vigour was good due to the levels of subsurface moisture. In early December there was a cool change & 16mm of rain fell. The rest of Dec and first half of Jan were dry & warm with no heatwaves due to regular cool changes. From mid-Jan to mid-Feb, hot conditions prevailed and harvest commenced early. A big downpour of rain mid-Feb bought the hot conditions to an end, changing to mild and cool. These conditions retained acid levels and slowed sugar development, crucially allowing time for the flavours to develop. The mild conditions continued through March, allowing ideal tannin & flavour development in the resultant wines.

COLOUR

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

NOSE

Fresh aniseed, hints of polished leather, dark chocolate, plum and spice with subtle smoky oak. Tightly knitted aromas unwind with aeration.

PALATE

This a seductive wine with luxurious layers of berry fruit, spicy fruitcake, licorice & sweet leather. The palate is full and generous but with precision to the structure. Velvety tannins mingle harmoniously with the fruit characters. The wine concludes on the palate with a lingering finish.

OAK MATURATION

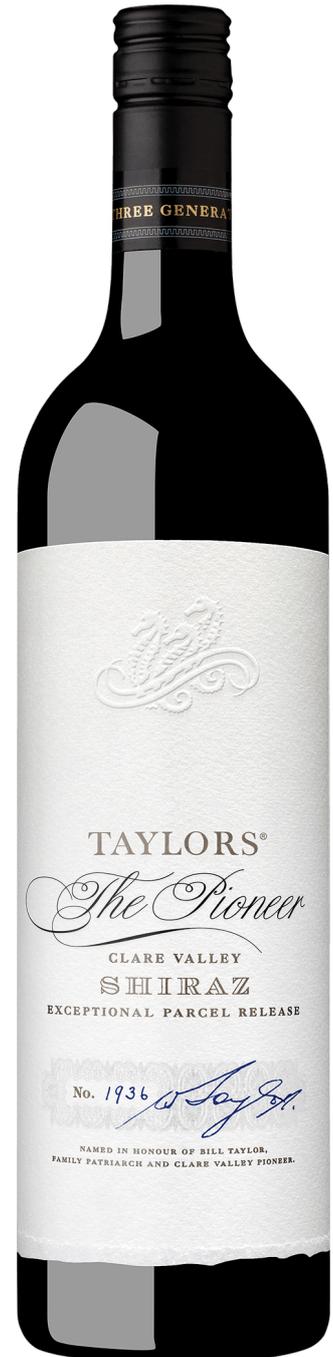
Post MLF, the wine was matured in a selection of AP John and Vicard fine-grained American oak barrels 40% in new oak and the balance in a selection of one, two & three year old barrels. After 12 months a painstaking barrel selection assessment was undertaken to identify those parcels deemed as exceptional and these were returned to barrel for a further 10 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 7.07g/litre



Residual Sugar 0.49g/litre



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

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2017	TERRAVINO Mediterranean International Wine and Spirits Challenge	Trophy
2018	The Best Wine of the World Competition	Trophy
2017	Berliner Wine Trophy	Grand Gold
2017	International Wine Awards Spain	Great Gold
2017	VINUS International Wine and Spirits Competition	Double Gold
2018	Sakura Japan Women's Wine Awards	Double Gold
2017	Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge	Gold
2017	TERRAVINO Mediterranean International Wine and Spirits Challenge	Gold
2018	MUNDUS VINI International Wine Awards	Gold
2018	Stuttgart International Wine Competition	Gold
2018	Catad'Or World Wine Awards	Gold
2018	Korean Wine Challenge	Gold
2018	Melbourne International Wine Competition	Gold
2018	AWC Vienna International Wine Challenge	Gold