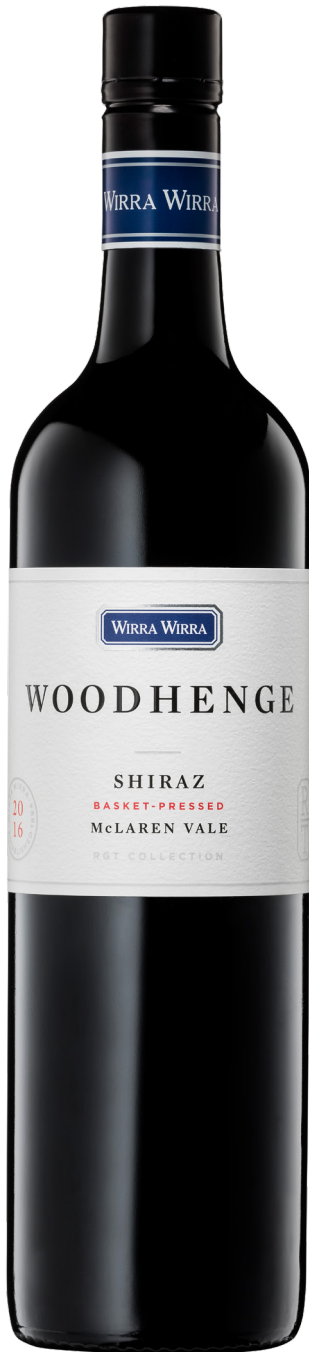


WOODHENGE

Woodhenge is a monument to 'big' ideas and to Greg Trott's unique vision of what makes Wirra Wirra special and well, a bloody big fence that weighs about 10 tonnes. This wine is a tribute to the region, the grape variety and the foresight of a wine man that, like Woodhenge, typifies the individuality of McLaren Vale.



Vintage

2016

Region

McLaren Vale

Sub Region

Seaview, Whites Valley, McLaren Flat, Maslin

Grape Variety

Shiraz (100%)

Colour

Deep crimson with a vibrant purple edge.

Bouquet

Blackberry, plum and dark chocolate, spiced with star anise and fresh cedar.

Palate

Brimming with deep and juicy blueberry and blackberry fruits. Dense, fleshy fruits are framed beautifully by sandy tannins and rich vanillin oak. Classic McLaren Vale Shiraz.

Drink

8 to 15 years in appropriate cellaring conditions.

Food Match

Dry Aged beef with blackened cauliflower, béarnaise and green beans.

Vineyards

The fruit for the 2016 Woodhenge Shiraz is sourced fruit from Gateway, Wilanbi, Bayliss, Quandong, Ryde and Old Jarvie vineyards.

Oak Maturation

18 months in combination of French and American oak barriques and hogsheads. A new oak component of 35%, the balance made up of one, two and three year old barrels.

Vinification

Fruit parcels of typical Woodhenge style were selected: rich generous McLaren Vale Shiraz fruit, with the Wirra style stamped firmly over it. Gently crushed and destemmed to open top and static fermenters, parcels were tasted twice daily by the Wirra winemakers to determine number of daily plunges and pumpovers for tannin, colour and flavour extraction. Once pressed and sugar dry, parcels were run to oak barrels to complete malolactic fermentation. These individual vineyard parcels were racked and returned separately throughout maturation, the final selection was blended at 17 months of age. The wine was traditionally fined lightly with egg white, filtered and bottled.

Technical Details

pH 3.54 T.A. 6.6g/L ALC 14.67%

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