

1997

Shiraz

REGION
Margaret River

INTRODUCTION

Good Australian Shiraz is becoming recognized world over and at Vasse Felix we have founded a reputation for Shiraz from our 30 year old vineyard. Such is the faith we have in this variety we have planted half of our new vineyard to Shiraz and grafted some more Cabernet vines over to Shiraz. The original vines are now producing very intense cherry, spicy wines rich in flavour.

Vasse Felix Shiraz is vinified gently in a rotary fermenter then barrel fermented in 100% new American and French oak barriques and matured for a further 15 months.

Vasse Felix Shiraz has now an unbroken record of trophies for every vintage of Shiraz going back to 1987, the 1996 Shiraz won the trophy for the best varietal dry red wine at the 1997 Adelaide Wine Show and the 1997 Shiraz won a trophy on its first outing at the 1998 Sheraton WA Wine Awards.

WINEMAKERS

The 1997 vintage was a low crop compared to other years producing small fruit parcels of incredible intensity which is reflected in this wine.

The wine has a deep dark crimson colour with a rich bouquet of dark cherries and spice. The palate is full bodied with flavours of plum, raspberries and vanilla. The tannins are powdery and balance nicely with the sweet briary fruit.

This wine is looking very youthful now and deserves cellaring from a year to 8 years before it reaches its prime.