



2008 OLD ROWLEY SHIRAZ/GRENACHE

Varieties :

Shiraz (78%) Grenache (22%)

Wine Description :

Colour : Deep Red.

Nose : Richly aromatic with blackberry and spice notes and a hint of licorice in the background.

Palate : Full-flavoured and deliciously rich with a wonderful meaty texture.

Finish : The natural acidity supports a long aftertaste, increasing the richness and length of flavours.

Production Notes:

This is the fifth consecutive vintage of Old Rowley and the first to see Shiraz as the dominant grape variety. The result is a fuller flavoured and more “Australian” style wine –deep and rich with bolder, sweeter fruit expression.

Kangaroo Island has proved an excellent place for growing Shiraz and Grenache as well as Viognier which is co-fermented with the Shiraz to add perfume, colour and an extra textural dimension to the finish with its spicy tannins.

Despite the extra richness the 2008 Old Rowley displays elegance consistent with previous vintages and is similar to a Cotes du Rhone style wine - medium to full-bodied with a good grip of natural acidity on the finish providing structure.

Carbonic Maceration:

After hand-picking, part of the grapes used in Old Rowley undergo carbonic maceration. This is a process most famously utilised in the Beaujolais region of France and consists of keeping whole grapes at 30°C for 10 days in a closed vat saturated with carbon dioxide. An intracellular fermentation takes place within the berry producing a small amount of ethanol along with many flavourful and aromatic compounds. At the end of the process the tank is pressed and the juice finishes fermentation separated from the skins. The balance of grapes in the blend are produced using the classic method of de-stemming and fermentation on skins. Wines are kept separate in 600 litre wooden barrels for 2 years before final blending.

The Name:

This wine is named after Mr Rowland Hill, better known as ‘Old Rowley’, a big man with a big vision to establish Kangaroo Island as a heartland for agricultural production. Through Old Rowley’s persistence and the hard work of the Soldier Settlers, the vision was realised and Kangaroo Island is now recognised internationally for its pristine environment and outstanding produce

Cellaring Potential:

Drink 2012-2018

Technical Information:

Alcohol : 15% Vol.

Total Acidity : 6g/L

pH : 3.7

Drink With:

Hearty stews and casseroles; Asian inspired cuisine such as beef with noodles.