

LIGHTFOOT & SONS

2015 RIVER BLOCK Shiraz



River Block The "River Block" is a selected section of the Myrtle Point vineyard where, with our evolving understanding of the site, we have isolated a block of Shiraz of consistent high quality.

Viticulture Following a mild spring with plenty of rainfall, the Shiraz vines were tended, trained and shoot-thinned to allow for a balanced, open canopy that would provide for both airflow and sunlight penetration. Flowering led to a small but quality crop of fruit throughout this vineyard. From flowering all the way through to harvest the vines were closely observed to identify the best pocket of fruit from which to produce this wine. Ultimately, this led us to an isolated section of the Shiraz vineyard we named the "River Block", a small part of the vineyard at the top of the cliff overlooking the Mitchell River.

Winemaking The River Block fruit was handpicked on the 17th of April. The fruit was gently destemmed with the aim of retaining as many whole berries as possible. The fermenting grapes were hand plunged twice daily. Following primary fermentation the vat was sealed up and the fresh wine was left in skin contact for 100 days. After this extended time the wine was pressed and transferred to French oak barrels for maturation, 50% of which were new barrels.

The Wine A medium bodied Shiraz with fine grained, structured tannins. Aromas of liquorice, cedar and spiced plums. A textured, fruit driven palate that is delicious to drink now, but will also reward carefull cellaring for many years to come. Classic cool climate Shiraz.

Reveivs "Technically difficult vinification has achieved all of its aims: the fruit is intense and long, yet elegant, and very expressive of cool grown shiraz with its red and black cherry composition. The new oak has been totally integrated, the mouthfeel supple and persuasive." **96 Points** James Halliday. 2018 Wine Companion.

"It's peppery, it's fine-grained, it has a sense of 'detail' about it and it's not in any way simple. Good from many angles, you might say. Cherried fruit, nutty oak, sappy characters and an all-round buoyancy. Ultra-fine tannin and impressive length. It's an excellent wine". **93+ Points**. Drink : 2019 - 2024+

Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front, March 2017.

Prodcution 145 dozen
Harvest Date 17/4/2015
pH 3.61
T/A 6.8g/L
Alcohol 13.8% Alc/Vol
Clone Unknown