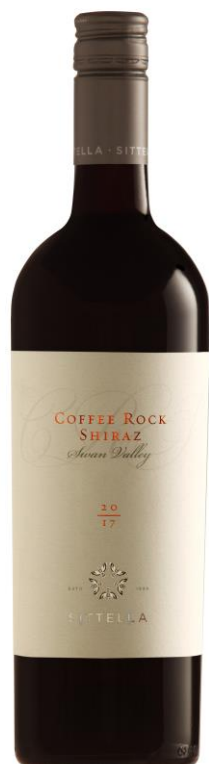




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2017 Swan Valley Coffee Rock Shiraz



Region: Swan valley

Vintage: 2017

Sub-region: Baskerville

Vineyard: Coffee Rock vineyard / dry farmed

Variety: 100% Shiraz

pH: 3.65

TA: 6.55g/l

Oak: New French oak 40%, seasoned French oak 60% (previous years Coffee Rock barrels)

Alcohol: 14.5%

Soil type: Coffee Rock

Style: A Unique single site vineyard wine of regional expression and ageing potential

Vine Age: 74 years

Cellaring: 5-15 years

Wine: Our Coffee Rock Shiraz is a single vineyard wine from the Swan Valley which is characterised by the very old bush vines we source this fruit from. Yielding only 2-2.5 tonnes/hectare, and planted in the hardy Coffee rock soils (Laterite) at the base of the darling scarp, this unique old patch of bush vines consistently produces small concentrated bunches of intensely aromatic and unique fruit. This site is always characterized by the unique rich perfumed and dark floral notes that typify this vineyard and the region's remaining old dry farmed vineyards in this specific soil type.

Vinification: Hand-pruned vines, hand-picked and bunch sorted, the fruit was chilled to below 5 degrees prior to de-stemming. We de-stem the berries as whole berries and ferment them in open top fermenters at an average temperature of 20 degrees in order to maximise the time on skins (20 days). Hand plunged twice a day, no pump overs, 100% wild fermented and pressed off directly to barrel to finish ferment in 40% new and 60% seasoned French oak barrels. Barrel aged for 16 months prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes: The 2017 vintage was one of the most challenging vintages that anyone can remember, with a relatively wet spring and unusually wet summer, which experienced high rainfall during the growing period making it a challenge. The wet but also cool weather has resulted in a wine of finesse and lift not seen in most warm years from the Swan valley, but still with the power and concentration the Coffee Rock plot produces. Drink now or age until 2040.