

# Grant Burge Benchmark 2018 Shiraz

## THE STORY

Benchmark by Grant Burge is the epitome of a great wine from South Australia. The name sets the high standard of quality, style and taste of the wine, which others strive to attain. Only the best parcels of grapes are selected to make premium, fruit driven wines with good balance, which can be enjoyed without years of cellaring.

## THE FRUIT

The 2018 vintage saw an excellent year for red wines, resulting from a warm, dry summer season which provided ideal conditions for the growing and ripening of the grapes. Picking at optimum maturity has resulted in wines which display vibrant bright colours with ripe flavour profiles, rounded flavoursome palates and soft fine tannins.

## THE WINEMAKING

The fruit was machine harvested in cooler conditions, crushed and de-stemmed, before fermentation took place in stainless steel tanks for approximately seven days. After malolactic fermentation (providing a creamy texture) was complete, the wine was then matured under light oak influence before blending and bottling.

The 2018 Shiraz gives aromas of ripe plums, liquorice and vanilla pod. The full bodied wine has a soft and juicy mid palate, bright red fruits complimented with spice and mocha oak. Fine yet long tannins create a wine of length and persistence.

The wine is perfectly suited to medium rare red meat dishes or hard cheeses.

ALCOHOL VOLUME: 14.2%    pH: 3.53    ACID: 6.24g/litre



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