

# RIETVALLEI

WINE ESTATE

## CLASSIC COLLECTION

### Rietvallei Shiraz 2018

#### VITICULTURE

Rietvallei Estate mostly comprise of calcareous (red clay & lime mix) soil. The Shiraz is from two vineyards planted in 1995 and 2005 respectively.

#### WINEMAKING

The Shiraz grapes are picked at optimum ripeness at approximately 26 °Balling (Brix) and vinified separately. After destemming and slight crushing the mash is taken to open concrete tanks where traditional wine making methods are still implemented. During fermentation the temperature is regulated between 25-28°C and the cap regularly wetted by the traditional method of pushing the skins down into the must manually every two hours. This together with pumping-over of the must onto the skins allows the colour and flavour to be extracted very effectively. It takes about five days to ferment dry and is then left on the skins for another five days before racking and pressing. After malolactic fermentation starts the wine is transferred to 300 liter French oak barrels where it is left to mature for 12 months.

#### THE WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

This vintage the blend comprises out of a 100% Shiraz. The wine is intense ruby red coloured and complex, expressing flavours of berry fruit, ground pepper spice and peachy fruit. The palate is filled with berry fruit and the peppery, spicy and toasted oak flavours are well integrated. A Full-bodied wine with pleasant ripe tannins and a smooth, lingering aftertaste.

#### FOOD PAIRING & SERVING SUGGESTION:

Pair with pizzas, pastas, game or any kind of red meat.  
Serve at room temperature (18°C).



#### WINE ANALYSIS

<b>RESIDUAL SUGAR:</b>	3.5 g/l	<b>Alcohol:</b>	13.56%	<b>Acidity:</b>	5.9 g/l
<b>PH:</b>	3.46	<b>VA:</b>	0.67 g/l	<b>Total Extract:</b>	36.2 g/l
<b>TOTAL SO<sub>2</sub>:</b>	126 mg/l	<b>Free SO<sub>2</sub>:</b>	19 mg/l		

#### PACKAGING DETAILS

<b>BOTTLE VOLUME:</b>	750ml	<b>EAN 750ML BOTTLE BARCODE:</b>	6009673830246
<b>CASE SIZE:</b>	6 x 750ml	<b>EAN 6X750ML CASE BARCODE:</b>	6009673830253
<b>PALLET SIZE:</b>	90 x 6 x 750ml	<b>UPC 750ML BOTTLE BARCODE (USA ONLY):</b>	89673300018-5
<b>CASE WEIGHT:</b>	9.4 kg	<b>UPC 6X750ML CASE BARCODE (USA ONLY):</b>	89673300019-2
<b>CLOSURE:</b>	Natural Cork		