

# Kangarilla Road Tasting Notes



## Kangarilla Road Geology Series 2017 Blanche Point Shiraz

There were healthy winter rains and plenty of spring rains that set the vines up very well. There was a later than usual start to harvest with long, slow ripening periods resulting in grapes with great depth of flavour. The intermittent summer rains stopped in mid-January, so disease pressure was low. It was very dry from February to April, with only a few millimetres of rain. Days were mild with a lot of cool nights. Overall it was a great vintage with minimal disease pressure and above average crop levels.

The vineyard this Shiraz is sourced from is within view of Maslin Beach and its geology is from the Eocene (34-56 million years ago) and is on Blanche Point Formation which is a marine fossil rich calcareous siltstone/limestone.

Whilst the vineyard is close to the sea, the vines are reasonably protected by sandhills and vegetation but there is still a level of stress for the vines in their quest for water which in turn adds to the quality of the fruit.

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| <b>Total Acidity g/L</b> | 6.37           |
| <b>Alcohol %</b>         | 14.5           |
| <b>pH</b>                | 3.45           |
| <b>Bottling Date</b>     | September 2018 |
| <b>Winemaker</b>         | Kevin O'Brien  |

There is a central core of the scent of dense black berry fruits surrounded by hints of chocolate and delicious dark fudge.

The palate initially is all about the rich dark black berry fruits and high cocoa chocolate and espresso. These flavours combine evocatively and are encouraged to linger by the fine fruit tannins.

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