



## Two Hands

Born from the rugged slopes of Menglers Hill, this Shiraz offers a stunning interplay of richness and restraint, where deep concentration meets vibrant acidity, ensuring both immediate pleasure and remarkable aging potential.



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## Yacca Block Shiraz 2019

Barossa Valley, Australia

### Region and Vineyards

Perched at **483 meters above sea level**, the **Yacca Block** vineyard sits atop **Menglers Hill in Eden Valley**, just a short drive from the western Barossa Ranges. This altitude ensures a **cooler growing environment**, allowing for an extended ripening period that preserves **elegance and natural acidity**. The site is known for producing Shiraz with a **softer, more refined tannin structure**, highlighting the influence of sub-regionality in winemaking.

The vineyard's **shallow, skeletal grey sand loam with quartz gravel over weathered rock and yellow clay** imparts **distinct minerality and finesse** to the wine. With **an average annual rainfall of 580mm**, the vines receive ample water, ensuring balanced fruit development. The result is a Shiraz of **concentration and purity**, defined by its lifted aromatics, structured palate, and graceful aging potential.

### Winemaking

The handpicked Shiraz grapes were **de-stemmed and crushed**, followed by fermentation in **stainless steel tanks**. The must remained on skins for **10 days**, with **2-3 pump-overs per day** to manage tannin extraction and flavor concentration. This controlled approach ensures a **balance of structure and silkiness**, allowing the wine to develop depth without excessive extraction.

Once fermentation was complete, **free-run juice and pressings were blended in tank**, then transferred to oak for **malolactic fermentation**. The wine was **bottled with minimal fining and no filtration**, preserving its purity and textural finesse. With an **aging potential of up to 15 years**, this Shiraz will continue to evolve, unveiling even greater layers of complexity over time.

Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Syrah



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## Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Exceptionally deep, concentrated black-on-black, reflecting its intensity and richness.
- **Aroma:** A lifted, perfumed nose of dark plum, cassis, salted fig, warm nougat, dried herbs, chocolate, and subtle smoked meats.
- **Palate:** Thick, concentrated, and coating, yet elegantly balanced. This Shiraz **engages all flavor receptors**, offering a rich fruit core complemented by an unmistakable mineral structure. The **bright acidity brings a saline edge**, refreshing the finish and leaving a lasting impression. The tannins are refined and layered, making this a **classic expression of Eden Valley terroir**.

## Did You Know?

The Yacca Block vineyard also supplies fruit for **Charlie's Garden Shiraz** and **The Boy Riesling**, demonstrating the versatility of its high-altitude terroir. The presence of **quartz and ironstone in the soil** enhances the wine's characteristic minerality, making it a distinctive expression of **Eden Valley Shiraz**.

## Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Slow-braised beef short ribs with rosemary and thyme** – The wine's bold fruit and refined tannins complement the dish's deep, savory flavors.
- **Venison loin with juniper and blackberries** – The wine's structure and mineral edge balance the rich, gamey meat.
- **Charred eggplant with miso glaze and sesame** – The smoky and umami flavors align with the wine's earthy complexity.
- **Aged Manchego or Mimolette** – The firm, nutty texture of these cheeses pairs beautifully with the wine's fine tannins and dark fruit notes.



### Robert Parker (RP) : 95 Points (2019)

*The deep, densely colored 2019 Yacca Block Menglers Hill Shiraz starts off with notes of bay leaf and sage, develops luscious dark-fruit notes of blueberries and blackberries, then turns more savory—black olives and licorice—on the finish. It's full-bodied, rich and concentrated yet remains balanced and refreshing on the long finish. One of the more complex and balanced of the Block wines most vintages, it appears to be a pretty consistent vineyard.*



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