



2016 SEPPELT ST PETERS GRAMPIANS SHIRAZ

RELEASED IN SMALL QUANTITIES AND ONLY IN EXCEPTIONAL YEARS, ST PETERS IS SEPPELT'S FLAGSHIP SHIRAZ, TESTIMONY TO THE DISTINCTIVE STYLE AND PEDIGREE OF GRAMPIANS SHIRAZ. THE LINEAGE OF THIS ICONIC WINE DATES BACK TO 1964, WHEN 'GREAT WESTERN HERMITAGE', AS IT WAS THEN KNOWN, WAS FIRST MADE. SINCE 1998 THIS WINE HAS BEEN CALLED ST PETERS IN HONOUR OF THE FIRST VINEYARD PLANTED IN THE REGION.

TODAY ST PETERS IS SOURCED FROM THE FINEST AND MOST INTENSE FRUIT FROM THE BEST BLOCKS OF THE GREAT WESTERN VINEYARD. IN VINTAGE 2016, THIS INCLUDED SELECT PARCELS OF FRUIT FROM THE BASS AND IMPERIAL BLOCKS AND IS A POWERFUL, YET FINELY STRUCTURED EXPRESSION OF SHIRAZ FROM THE GREAT WESTERN REGION. WITH EXTRAORDINARY CELLARING POTENTIAL OF 50 YEARS OR MORE, THIS WINE IS CLASSIFIED 'OUTSTANDING' BY LANGTON'S IN ITS CLASSIFICATION OF AUSTRALIAN WINE VI.

GRAPE VARIETY

Shiraz.

WINEMAKING AND MATURATION

Select parcels off the Great Western Vineyard were fermented on skins (with partial whole bunch and whole berry) in open fermenters for 10 days, followed by maturation for 14 months in a combination of 3000 L vat, 500L and 225 L French Oak barrels (with 35% new oak).

COLOUR

Deep red with purple hues.

NOSE

A complex, perfumed nose of violets and dark fruit laced with sweet spice, freshly cracked black pepper and Technical Analysis charcuterie notes.

PALATE

The palate displays mulberry fruit combined with tight, fine tannins, a core of graphite-like mineral texture and a backbone of well-integrated spicy oak. This wine is delicately poised yet powerful with a persistent length of flavour.

VINEYARD REGION

Great Western, Grampians

VINEYARD CONDITIONS

A dry winter was followed by dry, warm spring conditions, resulting in average yields with good bunch size. Summer was dry and warm with generally fine conditions, resulting in concentrated wines with fine tannin structure.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Harvest Date:

pH: 3.66

Acidity: 6.5 g/L

Alcohol: 14.5%

Residual Sugar: 0.7 g/L

Peak Drinking: 2018 - 2036

