



Ladies who Shoot their Lunch

2018 SHIRAZ

FOWLES WINES

Fowles Wine vineyards and winery are located in the dramatic granite landscape of Strathbogie Ranges region of Victoria, Australia. The Strathbogie Ranges is characterized by massive granite boulders – the very boulders that have given rise, over millions of years, to the sandy loam soils in which the vines grow.

VINEYARD

The majority of fruit (95%) for this wine comes from the Fowles' family Upton Run Vineyard situated high in the Strathbogie Ranges, all at over 1,600 feet elevation. The three Upton Run blocks used 6, 7, and 11 were all planted in the mid-90's in sandy loam over granite. The remainder (5%) was sourced from Mt Helen Vineyard.

In the vineyard, mechanical weeding took place to eliminate the use of under-vine sprays and the vines were irrigated using a Regulated Deficit Irrigation technique to ensure concentration of fruit.

Vintage Notes: 2018 was an outstanding vintage. The year was warm without being too hot, which allowed the vines to ripen the fruit to the degree we desired without any stress, resulting in all aspects of fruit composition being good. Acid was naturally maintained and other critical components of the grape for sound fermentation were plentiful.

WINEMAKING

This wine was fermented using wild yeast, with its slightly unpredictable nature, this builds more complexity in the wine. This wine was matured for 12 months using a combination new and old, and large and small, English and French oak. One quarter of the wine was matured in 140-year-old 5,000 liter English oak casks and two 6,000 liter French oak casks. One quarter was matured in one, two and three year old French oak puncheons. The balance was maintained as a fresh, fruity parcel in stainless steel.

THE WINE

This wine is a deep, youthful, vibrant purple. Intense aromas of blue and dark berry, pepper spice and spicy oak. The palate is full-bodied with a sophisticated combination of rich berries, dark chocolate and oak spice with silky tannins and great balance, length and intensity.

ACCOLADES

90 points—*Wine Spectator*

Top 100 Wines of 2020—*Wine Spectator*



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