

In the days when ballast stone was an important feature of some of Australia's most iconic buildings, the daring Steeplejacks played a crucial role in their construction and maintenance. As skilled craftsmen, they completed the most difficult work on the highest towers, oblivious to vertigo, gravity and mortality.

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Late winter rainfall assisted with replenishing poor soil moisture levels prior to budburst, but variable weather early in the season impacted on the timing of bud burst and led to the first challenge to even-ness of shoot length and subsequently to fruit maturation. Flowering commenced with ideal conditions but several weeks of inclement weather events at this critical time deferred the later flowering vines even further, creating a greater difference between the timing of the early and late flowers which followed through to veraison.

The season progressed adequately with little rainfall and low disease pressure until late January.

The lack of rainfall late in the season allowed the fruit to be hung out until flavour ripeness caught up to physiological maturity. The resulting wines are very strong with great colour and intensity, although yields are much reduced.



TASTING NOTES

In true Steeple Jack tradition, this shiraz is full of character.

Blackberries, stewed fruits, hints of mocha and lifted vanillin on the nose, a full soft fruit driven palate followed by a touch of spice and white pepper with a lingering smooth finish.

ALCOHOL	14.5%
REGION	South Australia
COMPOSITION	Shiraz 100%
pH	3.45
TA	6.74

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Shiraz
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