

WAKEFIELD WINES

2016 Crooked Horse Shiraz

Region

Clare Valley

Appearance

At release the wine is a dark red colour with ruby red hues.

Bouquet

The wine has a seductive, lifted aroma characterised by plum, blackcurrant and dark cherry fruits along with subtle chocolate and a touch of oak derived spice.

Palate

The palate is rich, luscious and round with intense, perfectly ripened fruit characters. Mocha coffee and subtle spice characters complement generous fruit flavours of plum and blackberry. The wine is medium to full -bodied with a soft mid-palate and supple tannins. It has a well balanced structure with great texture, good length and lashings of fruit on the finish.

Winemaker Notes

The fruit for this wine was sourced from the Taylor family estate in the Clare Valley. Growing conditions leading up to vintage 2014 were relatively mild, with regular spring rains promoting excellent vine health and subsequent fruit of intense varietal character. Once harvested, the fruit was quickly transferred to the winery and de-stemmed. Primary fermentation was carried out in stainless steel fermenters then the grapes were pressed using a pneumatic bag press with all pressings returned to add weight and texture to the wine. The wine was then transferred to 10% French oak and the remainder in water bent American oak barrels for secondary, malolactic fermentation. The wine was matured in American oak for twelve months followed by fining, minimal filtration and then bottling.

Wine Analysis (At the time of bottling)

Alc/Vol: 14%

Residual Sugar: 0.3 g/L

pH: 3.6

Acidity: 6.34 g/L

Cellaring Potential

This wine can be enjoyed upon release but will reward careful cellaring up to and possibly beyond 2021.