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Tasting Notes

Adelé 2011 Syrah

Details: Our first Adelé Syrah, small batch only 150 dozen made, wild ferment, 30%

whole bunch, bottled without fining or filtration. Sunbury Syrah thrived in the cooler 2011 vintage conditions and this certainly showed its colours. The Syrah was picked 4 weeks later than the previous drought vintages, so the extra hang time on the vine allowed the fruit to ripen slowly with great development of

tannins and phenology.

Syrah, is an exotic, elegant wine, showing lovely cool climate Syrah (Shiraz) characters of white pepper and spice. 30% whole bunch ferment characters, lifts the aromatics and displays subtle upfront tannins that are balanced with

blackberry and spice intensity.

Origin: Sunbury, Victoria,

Blend Syrah (Shiraz) 100%

Viticulture: Vines planted in 1997. Vines spur-pruned and vertical shoot positioned to

ensure fruit exposure and even ripening. Low yielding to ensure richly

flavoured grapes.

Vintage: Drought breaking year, cold winter and delayed budburst. Good soaking rains

in November, January and February. Picked on April 13th. Cropped at 2

Tonnes/acre.

Winemaking: Fruit had 30% whole bunches with the balance destemmed and tipped into a

small open fermenter, cold soaked for 4-5 days and natural "wild" yeast fermented. Plunged during cold soak, then 2 times daily during ferment. Basket pressed into French oak barriques (20% new) with natural malolactic fermentation. Matured for 12 months in barriques. The wine was racked on a

new moon (twice) and bottled without fining or filtration.

Bottled: May 2012

Alcohol: 13.5%

Ageing Potential: Enjoy now, or cellar for 5-10 years