

Ben Haines

'Firelights' Syrah



Tasting Notes:

Medium-bodied, savory and complex. Graphite, black cherry, blackberry, clove, perfumed, with an insanely long finish.

Production Notes:

Hand-picked from the sustainably-farmed Miners Ridge vineyard in the foothills of the Grampians. Whole bunch, wild No cap intervention for the first 7 days, followed by gentle extraction for the final stages of fermentation. Two weeks further maceration prior to pressing to tank for settling, followed by racking to neutral (2-5 yr old) barrels and matured on lees for 18 months. Racked to stainless steel for two months before bottling. Unfined. Unfiltered.

About Ben Haines:

“What drives me every day is the connection with place, and its interpretation through winemaking.” -Ben Haines

Ben’s wines are intensely textural with flavors continuing to develop sip after sip. The fruit is expressive and the structure is present without being constraining. He sources grapes from multiple locations in Australia with the intent of showcasing their quality and unique sense of place.

Cellaring:

Enjoy now or for many years.

Great Western Facts:

- Shiraz is one of the region’s top performers. Thanks to the cooler climate it’s elegant and silky, with a rich purple color and flavors ranging from red cherry and plum to pepper.
- The vines for this wine were planted in 1999 on gravelly, well-drained brown clay loams. These soils, together with the cool climate and low-yielding clone (BVRC30) produces intense fruit with succulence, natural brightness, powdery texture and effortless balance.