



# Thistledown, Gorgeous Old Vine Shiraz, South Australia, Australia, 2022

## Producer Profile

Masters of Wine, Giles Cooke & Fergal Tynan, founded Thistledown Wines in 2010 after discovering iconic vineyard sites in the McLaren Vale, Barossa Valley and Adelaide Hills.

They make hand-made, small batch wines that perfectly illustrate the benefits of great sites and intelligent, minimalist winemaking.

## Viticulture

The Shiraz was all picked from one old vineyard in the Riverland, a property that has been growing grapes since the early soldier settlements.

## Winemaking

Fermented using wild yeasts. A short ageing in old French oak followed by bottling young to preserve the hugely aromatic, textural deliciousness that we sought from the outset.

## Tasting Note

Not your average Shiraz! On the nose there are peaches, ripe nectarine, wild raspberry and a little spice. The palate is soft and slurpy, the texture silky and any tannins just add a little seasoning – like macerated strawberries and black pepper. Turning a previously undervalued resource into something that is hugely enjoyable and ultimately gorgeous.

## Food Matching

Roasted lamb, beef stews and strong hard cheeses.

## Awards

**James Halliday 90 Points**



Product code: 4431

## Technical Details

### Varieties:

Shiraz 86%  
Zibibbo 11%  
Fiano 3%



**ABV:** 14.5%

**Closure:** Screw cap

**Colour:** Red

**Style:** Still wine

**Case Size:** 12 x 75cl

### Oak Ageing

**Time:** Short aging

**Type:** French Oak

**% wine oaked:** 100

**% new oak:** None

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