



Wild & Wilder, The Opportunist Shiraz, Langhorne Creek, South Australia, Australia, 2022

Producer Profile

Wild & Wilder is all about good clean fun. Working hand in hand with their merry (in a good season) band of growers, they craft wines of supreme quality but don't take it all too seriously.

Great fruit, grown by great people and made with a lot of love by people that know that wine is all about the good times, delicious food and creating great memories. Founded by Giles Cooke MW & Fergal Tynan MW, who also make the Thistledown wines, the mundane is just not in their DNA. Being involved in every stage of the winemaking process from bud burst to bottle means that every bottle from Wild & Wilder is an experience you'll want to try again.

Viticulture

Produced from fruit grown on properties owned by Langhorne Creek stalwarts, Brett Cleggett and George Borrett. Vines are 25 years old, VSP/ spur pruned, on red brown sandy loams with clay base, some quartz and limestone. Whole berries retained to preserve fruit quality and maximise fruit expression.

Winemaking

As for all of the wines, the fruit for the Opportunist is picked on the way up to ripeness rather than on the way down. This way they achieve freshness and energy but not at the expense of flavour. They retain as many whole berries as possible to increase vibrancy and succulence. Winemaking is simple and is followed by 8 months on oak to increase texture and varietal expression.

Tasting Note

We've all got a mate who, despite the calamities befalling everyone else, always lands with his bum in the butter. When everyone else sees doom and gloom, The Opportunist sees blue skies and sunshine. Love him or hate him, The Opportunist always comes out on top. An aromatic bouquet of ripe fruits, cherries and blackcurrants, with notes of freshly ground coffee, dark chocolate, peppermint, liquorice and subtle pepper. Thick and smooth with good balanced fruit weight.

Food Matching

Beef stews, entrecôte or a crispy Thai beef salad.



Product code: 9112

Technical Details

Varieties:

Shiraz 100%



ABV: 14.5%

Closure: Screw cap

Colour: Red

Style: Still wine

Case Size: 12 x 75cl

Oak Ageing

Time: 8 months

Type: French and American

% wine oaked: 100

% new oak: None

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