

The Wayward Girl

Vintage 2017

HAND... WELL... EVERYTHING

Hand picked, hand plunged around the clock, basket pressed, regularly tested & tasted for personalised treatment.

LOCAL ARTWORK

Each Wayward Girl depicts unique artwork, with the wayward girl depicted on this label from Amy Herman an artist and designer in the local town of Springton.

In recognition of one hundred and sixty two years after our quaint little cellar door cottage, Rushlea Homestead, was built, we asked our friend and artist Amy Herman to design a label that portrays 'The Wayward Girls' of Rushlea Homestead. These girls were sent away from friends and family during their pregnancies, with the hooded girl in the artwork a portrayal of their concealment during this time.

Behind The Label

William Lillecrapp built the first homestead in Eden Valley in 1856, which has since become our cellar door. While the cottage holds many historical stories in its old stone walls, possibly the most fascinating is the tale of the 'Wayward city girls' who were sent to the homestead in the early 1900s if they fell pregnant.

Earth and Vine

The grapes were grown in a small vineyard on slightly sloping terrain just behind of our winery. This is part of our unique little property, a hidden little valley within Eden Valley. Featuring ancient soils over shallow slate, providing ideal drainage and complexity of flavours.

We have put a lot of work into getting the right soil nutrients through comprehensive soil testing and nutrient additions such as organic compost and straw, so that we can be sure our grapes of the best quality they can possibly be.

From Vine to Wine

The grapes were hand-picked before gentle crushing and destemming and transfer to an open top fermenter. The wine was fermented on-skins for over a week with regular hand-plunging to taste, before being gently basket pressed. The wine was then aged for 22 months in new and aged French oak prior to blending.

Blend ratios: Cabernet Franc 50%, Cabernet Sauvignon 37.5%, Merlot 12.5%,

Batch Size: Tiny, just 65 cases!

Analysis: Alc: 14.0%, pH: 3.7, TA: 6.5 g/L

The Senses

An intriguing nose of dark fruits, earthy clove, bell pepper and a hint of cherry. We're delighted with the balance of elegant tannins and complex flavours.

Cellaring

Plenty of structure to cellar, but it has aged beautifully and is ready to drink now.



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