



PEREGRINE RIDGE

2006 Peregrine Ridge Winemaker's Reserve Sparkling Shiraz - Late Disgorge

Region: Heathcote, Victoria

Winemakers: Graeme Quigley & Sue Kerrison

Background: Our 2006 "Winemaker's Reserve Sparkling Shiraz" is a single vineyard, barrel selected wine based on the use of new French oak barrels. Small parcels of fruit were carefully selected during the winemaking process and matched to barrel at the press. The 2006 Late Disgorge was matured in 100% new French oak for 18 months prior to bottling and then bottle fermented for a further 81 months, to enable the wine to fully develop its complex bottle fermentation characteristics. The aim of the wine is to showcase what can be achieved with the very best fruit grown on our unique terroir on the east side of the Mt Camel Range 25km north of Heathcote. The grapes were hand picked over a 2 week period from 26 March to 9 April at the optimum ripeness for each block. All fruit was small batch fermented for between 10 and 16 days and immediately pressed via basket press to barrel.

Vintage conditions: 2006 was a slightly warm year following a slightly wet weather pattern in spring 2005. Vine growth was strong with very even growth of shoots and no thinning required. Summer was typically warm with steady ripening through February and March, and a sudden cooling in early April. These growing conditions have produced a wine with intense dark plum, dark cherry and blackberry characters and high natural acidity.

Colour: Dark red to garnet with garnet hue.

Nose: Seductive amalgam of raspberries, cherries, plums and blackberries with a hint of yeast and spice.

Palate: Elegant, silky, fruit driven and balanced. Lifted raspberries, cherries and plums dominate the finely textured palate. The extended time on lees delivers a persistent bead and fine, creamy mousse. Medium to full bodied in the front and middle palate, with a long, dry and persistent after palate. This is a wine style that is best served slightly chilled.

Food Match: Duck, terrine, pate, quail and game meats.

Christmas Match: Turkey, ham and trimmings or for those who enjoy seafood at Christmas – lobster!

Alc/Vol: 13.5%

Bottled under diam

Packed in 3x750ml cartons



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