

MARCHAND & BURCH



FINE WINES OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA AND BURGUNDY

2021 MARCHAND & BURCH VILLAGES SHIRAZ

Marchand & Burch is a collaboration of two old friends from France & Australia who share a love of fine wine. In 2007, winemaker Pascal Marchand and vigneron Jeff Burch embarked on a partnership to hand-craft, Shiraz, Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from selected sites in both countries. With a commitment to the natural, sustainable viticulture and traditional winemaking practices, we invite you to enjoy the pursuit of these two friends. The Villages tier of Marchand & Burch is a focus on the regional influences of climate and site on the varietal expression, in each wine. This wine is part of the Marchand & Burch Australian collection.

WINE NOTES

Garnet in colour, the bouquet possesses a wide array of aromas spanning the fruit, floral, and spice spectrum. Inky, brooding notes of dark fruits such as blackberry and boysenberry collide with more boisterous tones of hibiscus tea, red rose, macerated raspberry, and balsamic strawberry, creating a beguiling blend. Oak ageing adds savoury and sweet notes of vanilla bean, cocoa powder, and freshly roasted coffee. The palate is soft with enticing flavours of stewed plum and mulberry, counterbalanced by a tart cranberry-like acidity and fine grain tannin. Deliciously smooth and alluringly fragrant, this wine is ready for immediate enjoyment, yet will certainly stand the test of time and reward those patient enough to cellar for 3 to 5 years.

VINTAGE 2021

Vintage 2021 was shaped in late 2020 as a great vintage with slightly lower than average rainfall over the spring period ensuring vines had good fruit set and plenty of reserves for the growing season. Warmer than average late spring and early summer allowed for good canopy growth and balanced crops, projecting healthy yields and good quality.

Moving into the ripening season the effects of a La Niña weather pattern created strong weather events that brought higher than average rainfall events. These rains freshened up canopies and reduced the need for irrigation which was welcome, especially in the Great Southern region, and even more so for late ripening varieties such as Cabernet Sauvignon. For those who could pick around the rain events there were some strong wines. Overall, this was a vintage for the well prepared and brave – Marchand & Burch were both!

VINEYARDS

The Marchand & Burch Villages Shiraz is sourced from the more northern and warmer reaches of the continental, cool climate, Great Southern wine region of Western Australia. In this climate Shiraz delivers true varietal expression and purity. Tempered by low rainfall and growing in lateritic gravelly/sandy loams of variable fertility and water holding capacity, the vines are of low to moderate capacity.

WINEMAKING

Batches are both machine and handpicked in the cool of the early morning, then transported to the winery. The grapes are destemmed to small 4 t open stainless steel vats for fermentation. Approximately 15 to 20 % of whole bunches are added to the fermentation. Gentle pneumatic plunging throughout the fermentation allows for optimum extraction of flavour, colour and tannin. One puncheon (500lt) per fermenter is run off at 4°be to add some spicy oak notes derived from finishing the fermentation in oak. Further maturation is completed in older French oak for 12 months.

CELLARING

Drink now and over the next 3 to 5 years.



TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol 14.5 % v.v
Acidity 5.9 g/l
Residual sugar 0.6 g/l
pH 3.51

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