

Ad Hoc

2005 Middle of Everywhere Shiraz

"Shiraz from the Middle of Everywhere"

Winemaker

Larry Cherubino

Vineyard

Acacia

Year Planted

1997

Location

Frankland River

Vines per Hectare

1800

Irrigation

Yes

Clone/s

Unknown

Rootstock

Own

Aspect

Northern

Soils

Deep Gravels over clay

The Vintage

Conditions leading up to the 2005 vintage were dry with below average rain falls in the spring. A very cool dry ripening period resulting in the late harvesting of fruit with ripe seeds and tannins

The Winemaking

Fruit was de-stemmed only and fermentation was carried out after 2-3 days of pre-fermentation, cold maceration. Held on skins for 7-12 days the wine was pressed to 30% new and 2-year old French oak. The wine was prepared for bottling after 11 months to preserve freshness and intensity of fruit.

The Wine

Blueberry, dry cherries and subtle spices are the major hallmarks of Frankland River Shiraz. The tannins are gentle with persistence supporting the acidity and oak.

Drink With:

Roast Lamb and mild cheeses.