

## 2021 CLARE VALLEY SHIRAZ

### PAULETT'S CLARE VALLEY RANGE WINES

#### COLOUR

Ruby red with a slight purple hue

#### NOSE

An inviting bouquet of spice and rich cocoa leads the way, underpinned by plush notes of mocha. Dark plums and ripe blackberries provide a dense, dark-fruited core, creating a nose that is both expressive and layered.

#### PALATE

Fleshy and generous, with ripe fruit supported by fine, supple tannins. Notes of liquorice, aniseed, and sweet kitchen spices clove, cinnamon, and nutmeg add depth without overshadowing the fruit. The finish is long, balanced, and gently spiced with dark fruit lingering.

#### WINEMAKING

Machine harvested and destemmed (not crushed), with whole-berry fermentation on skins using inoculated yeast. Fermentation took place in a mix of static and open fermenters for 7–10 days with twice-daily pump-overs. The wine was pressed to tank until sugar dry, then racked to French oak barrels (20% new) to complete MLF. It was racked and returned once while in barrel, then transferred from barrel to tank after 15–18 months. Finally, it was blended, filtered and bottled.

#### FOOD PAIRING

Delicious with roast lamb with herb crust, slow-cooked beef stew or a dark chocolate dessert.

#### VINTAGE

Average winter rainfall left soils slightly drier than ideal, but a weak La Niña brought timely spring rain that promoted strong early growth and healthy canopies. Spring conditions were mild with minimal frost or wind damage, leading to generally good fruit set. A cooler-than-average summer with no major heat events extended the ripening period, allowing Shiraz to develop full flavour and fine tannins without excessive sugar levels. Harvest progressed smoothly marking an excellent vintage.

#### AWARDS & ACCOLADES

**Gold** | 2023 Melbourne Royal Wine Awards

**Silver** | 2024 Clare Valley Wine Show

**Silver** | 2024 Great Australian Shiraz Challenge

**Silver** | 2023 Clare Valley Wine Show

**90 Points** | 2025 Halliday Wine Companion

#### QUICK NOTES

##### Variety:

100% Shiraz

##### Fruit Source:

Clare Valley

##### Bottled:

February 2023

##### Alcohol:

14.5%

##### Standard Drinks:

8.6

##### pH:

3.46

##### Reducing Sugar:

0.5 g/L

##### Cellaring:

Drink now or cellar  
for up to 5 -10 years

