



Pyren Vineyard
 'Broken Quartz'
 Shiraz

Pyrenees - Australia 2014

Pyren Vineyard is a small-scale, family focused producer of cool-climate wines. Established in 1999 by the Joy family and partners, the 80 acre vineyard has consistently produced low, concentrated yields of high quality fruit.

Pyren Vineyard is located on the northern slopes of the Warrenmang Valley, deep in the Pyrenees region of Victoria, Australia. The cool climate and abundant flocks of Cockatoos (yes, they play a crucial role) enable this small, family run vineyard to produce aromatic, subtle flavored wines using a classic variety of grapes. The vineyard blocks are categorized by a very complex system better known as the alphabet. Hence there are five distinct blocks aptly named Blocks A-E, each producing grapes with their own unique characteristics. Now with eleven years of growing up, the vines are now coming of age and beginning to produce some intense and aromatic wines that, if patient, will easily cellar for 10 - 15 years.

The Broken Quartz Shiraz label is generally made from fruit harvested from the lower lying end of Block B and Block C. As a rule of thumb, these Shiraz vines carry greater vigor and fruit opulence than the more elevated vines. If 2011 was the harvest that would never come nor end, 2012 was perfection to the 'Nth' power. Leighton regarded this as the easiest vintage he's seen yet and yet naturally low crop loads with moderate ripeness levels continued the wound up 'Broken Quartz' that you've come to love.

The grapes were harvested starting in late February, two weeks earlier than usual. The bunches looked clean and as close to perfect as it comes. They were fermented naturally in stainless steel with 20% whole cluster. After nearly a month, the grapes were pressed directly to barrel and left to rest quietly for 11 months. It was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

Composition

100% Shiraz

Soil Type

Gray & Brown Loam with Shattered Quartz

Vine Age

15 years old

Élevage

11 months in French barrique (15% new)

Yields

2 tons per acre

Production

3,000 cases

Tasting Notes

“ The 2014 vintage has expressive aromatics of sweet blackberry, raspberry, dark cherry and bittersweet chocolate along with some sweet earthiness, star anise and white spice. The palate has notes of raspberry, sweet blackberry and cherry that fill the mid palate along with a touch of bittersweet chocolate. Absolutely delicious. ”

Reviews

None for this vintage.