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Seriously Old Dirt 2019

Inviting & Pure

Seriously Old Dirt 2019 displays a brilliant, deep garnet-red colour. This wine delivers layers of fresh fruit on the nose; plum, black cherry, and blackberry along with warm notes of baking spice and vanilla pod. Subtle liquorice and seductive tobacco and hazelnut add a luxurious dimension. Flavours of ripe black cherry develop into lovely mineral notes, along with a lingering finish. Sumptuous and supple, with a line of acidity, giving elegance and balance. Though more firmly structured than recent predecessors, this vintage remains true to the essence of Seriously Old Dirt, with an approachable, youthful energy.

The Vintage

A tale of two seasons. In the shadow of the persistent drought condition, the preceding winter to harvest 2019 saw the drought break with good rainfall – forming the basis for a good vintage to follow. Fluctuating weather conditions saw an uneven budbreak, which required in-bunch sorting to maintain quality. Weather conditions improved at the onset of summer. Warmer weather in November was conducive to vineyard growth.

A testament in resilience of the winegrowing team, the wines of this vintage show freshness, concentration and elegance.

The Blend

Matured for eighteen months in older French oak barrique. Seriously Old Dirt 2019 consists of Cabernet Sauvignon (eighty-six percent), Malbec (six percent), Merlot (five percent) and Cabernet Franc (three percent).

Three hundred and thirty barrels were produced.

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