

THE POTTS FAMILY
BLEASDALE
EST 1850



2019 THE POWDER MONKEY SHIRAZ

In 1824, aged nine, Bleasdale founder Frank Potts joined the British Royal Navy as one of its dutiful powder monkeys, responsible for carrying gunpowder from the magazine below decks to the many cannons during battle. This wine celebrates the adventure of a young Frank Potts.

A single vineyard wine from our very best Shiraz vineyard, located behind the cellars. The block is planted to three clones and pruned to various methods to enhance the layers and complexity of the resultant wine. An agile viticultural strategy to thrive in drought or flood.

Pure crimson, an intense and powerful wine. The accent is on dense blackberry, liquorice and spice with bitter chocolate and savoury tannins running through the length of the palate.

Estate grown, vinified, matured and bottled.

VINEYARD

Bleasdale The Powder Monkey Vineyard
Langhorne Creek, South Australia

HARVEST DATES AND BAUMÉ

26th February - 9th March 2019

13.6 - 14.4

VARIETIES

Shiraz

WINEMAKING TECHNIQUES

De-stemmed to open fermenters, approx 15% whole berry and 5-10% whole bunch for a short soak. Fermentation peak at 30°C with up to 4 pump overs per day, decreasing towards the end of ferment. Drained & pressed after 10 to 12 days on skins, settled for 24 hours before racking to oak for MLF. A barrel selection from the vineyard, racked to blend under gravity to tank prior to bottling

OAK MATURATION

12 months new (20%) and seasoned French oak puncheons

BOTTLING DATE

14th June 2020

WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 14.0% alc/vol

Titrateable acidity: 6.2g/L

pH: 3.50

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Drinking well now until 2041

SUGGESTED FOOD PAIRING

Flame grilled T-bone steak or if cellar matured, slow cooked beef with a mild spicy rub

● Silver - Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2020

- 95 Points James Halliday
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