

GIANT STEPS

VIGNERONS

YARRA VALLEY AUSTRALIA



2015 GIANT STEPS TARRAFORD VINEYARD SYRAH

WINEMAKER: Phil Sexton & Steve Flamsted
REGION: Yarra Valley, Victoria
VARIETALS: Syrah (RD67 or 'Red Dog' clone)
MATURATION: 18 months in 500L French oak puncheons (20% new)
ANALYSIS: 14.1% alc/vol | 3.58 pH | 5.46 g/L

VINEYARD:

Located on twenty-one acres in a protected valley, and established in 1988, Tarraford Vineyard has a discrete microclimate which is cooler than neighboring sites. Its diverse aspects (north, south and east facing slopes) and rocky clay loam soils provides multifaceted winemaking opportunities. Giant Steps is committed to exploring biodynamic farming practices with the overall aim personality of the site.

WINEMAKING:

This delicious Syrah is made from a unique clone of Syrah planted at the Tarraford Vineyard site in the Shire of Tarrawarra. The origin of this clone is unknown and it displays an intense white pepper, even in the warmer years. The wine was 90% whole cluster fermented in 4000L oak vats before being pressed to 500L French oak puncheons for malolactic fermentation and maturation on the lees. The wine was not fined or filtered and was gravity racked for bottling.

TASTING NOTES:

A great example of cool climate Australian Syrah. Fresh aromas of violets and peppercorns over black and red berries with plum skin and Campari notes. The palate is medium-bodied, juicy and rich and is pulled together by ripe, savory tannins and well balanced acid. Clings with excellent tenacity and focus, leaving black raspberry and floral pastille notes behind.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

97 pts/Top 100 Wines Australian Wine Companion, 94+ pts The Wine Advocate, 93 pts Wine Spectator

ABOUT GIANT STEPS:

Established in 1998, Giant Steps explores the relationship between vineyard site, the Yarra Valley's cool climate, and different grape clones to finely fingerprint the personality and character of each vineyard. Grapes are biodynamically farmed and drawn from both estate and leased vineyards as well as grapes from long-term contracted growers, supported by strong relationships and meticulous supervision throughout the year. Giant Steps wines are produced fastidiously in the vineyard and vinified with minimal intervention so that each wine is a faithful expression of site, vintage and culture.



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