

GIANT STEPS

VIGNERONS

YARRA VALLEY AUSTRALIA



2015 GIANT STEPS TARRAFORD VINEYARD SYRAH

WINEMAKER: Phil Sexton & Steve Flamsteed
REGION: Tarrararra - 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 21 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 provide multifaceted winemaking opportunities. Giant Steps is committed to exploring biodynamic viticultural practices with the overall aim of further developing the personality of the site.

WINEMAKING:

This wine is made from the unique 'Red Dog' clone of Syrah. The origin 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 into 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:

This is a stellar example of cool climate Australian Syrah. Fresh aromas of violets and peppercorns overlay black and red berries and Campari notes. The palate is medium-bodied, juicy and rich and is pulled together by ripe, savory tannins and well balanced acid. It 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 is owned by Phil Sexton and takes its name from John Coltrane's eponymous first solo jazz album. Giant Steps' fruit is biodynamically farmed and vinified with minimal intervention in its gravity flow winery. The Yarra Valley range is highly expressive, true to the climate, soil and topography of this region. The Single Vineyard range is crafted from the most site-expressive fruit off the best vineyards in great years. Giant Steps has forged a reputation for delivering some of Australia's most consistent, over-performing, varietal wines reflected by its ongoing, enviable global acclaim including Wine & Spirits Top 100 Wineries of the Year, 2013-2016.



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