



BIRD ON A WIRE

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Bird on a Wire **2016 Syrah**

Winemaker: Caroline Mooney

Grape(s): Syrah

GI: Yarra Valley

Site(s): Single Vineyard in Yarra Glen

Vintage notes: 2016 vintage will go down as one of the most unexpected vintages. A weather event in October 2015 of multiple days over 35 degrees celsius triggered the earliest and shortest vintage ever experienced in 2016. Flavour ripeness occurring approximately 3 weeks ahead of previously thought to be normal times.

Vineyard notes: The site is in the northern end of the Yarra Valley, sitting in between Yarra Glen and Dixons Creek, and was planted in 1998. The soil in this vineyard is sandy loam over clay & gravel over mudstone and is crucial to the texture and tannin structure on the wine. This combined with the steep slope makes it a superb shiraz sight. Slightly lighter soils to the BOAW marsanne block (which faces the syrah), balancing out this cooler aspect. A site which proves itself year on year, Caroline has been working with this vineyard for more than 10 years.

Winemaking: Hand-picked. Fruit is split into smaller ferment parcels of whole bunch crush 33%, whole bunch (not crushed) 20%, with the balance split between whole berry and crushed destemmed. Approx 3 weeks on skins. Pressed to oak where malolactic fermentation takes place. 20% new oak (300 liter hogsheads).

Closure: Stelvin **ABV:** 14.5%

LEGEND tasting notes: A mature and vibrant syrah from one of the Yarra's cooler sites. Aromas and flavors of pepper berry, kangaroo jerky, Davidson plum (a tart native plum), boysenberry, smoked game, and cinnamon myrtle on a supple and structured body.

Production Size: 350 dozen

Scores: 95 (James Halliday), 94 (The Wine Front)