

STARGAZER

'kura' blend 2024



LEGEND
AUSTRALIAN WINE IMPORTS

Winemaker: Samantha Connew

Grape(s): 75% Shiraz, 25% Pinot Noir **GI:** Tasmania

Site(s): Single vineyard sites in Coal River Valley

Vintage notes: In contrast to the previous three cooler and wetter La Nina seasons, the winter and spring of 2023 offered relatively composed conditions with little wind or rain to interrupt the start of the growing season. The moderate weather contributed to an early and even flowering across southern Tasmania, which nonetheless remained much drier than normal in the Coal River Valley. Some good rainfall in early January encouraged a late growth spurt and saw us start veraison at the end of that month. The dry conditions continued through to harvest, which despite the warm summer and autumn, started only a little bit earlier than 'normal'.

Vineyard notes: The 2024 Shiraz, all PT23 clone, is sourced from Marengo Vineyard, just outside of Richmond in the Coal River Valley and was planted on a north facing slope in 2017. The Pinot Noir, planted in 2004, comes from a separate single vineyard site in the Coal River Valley, on the other side of Richmond towards Penna.

Winemaking: Shiraz parcels harvested April 24, 2024 at 12.2° baumé and Pinot Noir parcels harvested March 20, 2024 at 12.3° baumé. Shiraz was destemmed and left as whole berries whilst half of the Pinot Noir was left as whole bunches, then each were fermented separately. Three day cold soak prior to warming for native wild ferment, which lasted 7 days, then pressed to tank. Racked off gross lees to French oak puncheons. Eleven months in oak on fine lees prior to bottling. 3.46pH, 6.6g/L TA.

Closure: Stelvin **ABV:** 13%

Tasting notes: Vibrant purple in color with a fruit profile of black cherries and blackberries, rosemary stem, pepper berry, and Dutch licorice. The palate is juicy and fresh with blue and red fruits continuing to thread through to the finish with just the right amount of grip in the tannins, wrapping up with a nice snappy sapidity.

Label design: Artwork for the Kura label was sourced and commissioned from talented Hobart artist Kate Piekutowski, who practices contemporary printmaking and explores cultural identity through etching.

Production size: 216 dozen