

## Mount Langi Ghiran Spinoff

### 2015 SPINOFF HILLCREST SHIRAZ



This wine needs some patience, it is quite restrained upon first pour but as you give it some time the seemingly simple bouquet transcends. Boysenberry and mulberry fruits, laced with an array of subtle florals, clove and hints of fennel. A medium bodied wine full of concentration and suppleness, underpinned with the finest quality of French oak. Berries, florals, spice, texture all interweaved and carried by seamless acidity, creating balance, length and purity.

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Born from a combination of unique sites and winemakers' curiosity, our Spinoff wines are an homage to the incredible diversity Mount Langi Ghiran's vineyards offer us. Separating the vineyards into small batches, the best fruit is selected to produce an offshoot series of wines, something unique yet still capturing the essence of Langi. The 2015 Spinoff Hillcrest is exactly that, a spinoff expression of Mount Langi Ghiran's Old Block Shiraz.

"Hillcrest" refers to a special patch of vines that occupy a small stony outpost of quartz and ironstone in our Old Block. In fact, it is so small it was only through aerial technology that we saw there was something potentially different about this patch of vines nestled quietly within the Old Block. An infrared image showed that we had an area of some 100 vines that yielded less fruit than the surrounding vines.

The first time we harvested this section separately, in 2009, we really didn't have any idea if it would be a worthwhile exercise, we just saw that it was different and quite discrete from the rest of the vines in that area and we thought, "that's curious". The results were better than we had imagined, and we realised we were on to something very special. Words like "purity" and "expressive" continuously come up when describing this wine. The tannins are silky, the fruit is lifted and long giving the palate great persistence, and often we're overwhelmed by the intensity of the blueberry character that seems to embody this specific terroir.

The 2015 vintage marks the first release of a Shiraz in our Spinoff range. Near perfect conditions for grape growing gave our winemakers the opportunity to dissect individual blocks in extreme detail. Small batch harvesting was intense, with fifteen different parcels handpicked from within our Old Block Shiraz alone. On the day of the final blending when all the parcels were assembled, there was one barrel so beguiling that we decided to hold it back for special release - the Hillcrest Shiraz.

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**BLUEBERRY**

**FLORALS**

**PURITY**

**CELLAR UP TO**

**10 YEARS**

**Spinoff**