

JIM BARRY

CLARE VALLEY

The Armagh vineyard is one of South Australia's most distinguished Shiraz sites. Located on a northwest-facing slope at 367 metres elevation, just two kilometres northwest of Clare township, the vineyard combines an alluvial flat with gently sloping terrain bisected by the Armagh Creek.

The low-fertility soils, derived from 800-million-year-old Rhynie sandstone, consist of light sandy gravel over a pebbly alluvial layer with mottled clay subsoils. This unique soil profile, combined with natural drainage, contour planting and a westerly aspect, creates ideal conditions for growing Shiraz of exceptional concentration, complexity and structure.

Planted in 1968 with heirloom pre-phylloxera vine stock, these Shiraz vines produce naturally small berries with a high skin-to-juice ratio, resulting in wines of extraordinary density, depth and longevity. Cropping at less than two tonnes per acre (under 30 hectolitres per hectare), this vineyard consistently yields fruit of the highest quality, underpinning The Armagh's status among the great Shiraz wines of the world.

THE ARMAGH VINTAGE 2022

Complex, polished aromas of blueberries, blackberry bush, damson plums, violets, raspberry puree and sweet spices. The finely tuned, silken palate has refined tannins and precise acidity, showing ferric earth, citrus peel, boysenberries and dark chocolate. Excellent balance and purity with great freshness and a long life ahead.

VINTAGE INFORMATION

Variety	100% Shiraz
Vintage	2022
Region	The Armagh, Clare Valley, South Australia
Estate Grown	100%
Soil	Light-brown sandy clay with minor grits
First Release	Vintage 1985
Analysis	Alc/vol 14.0% / total acid 6.5g/L / pH 3.4
Serve	16-18°C
Winemakers	Tom Barry & Ben Marx

