

LONGVIEW

THE PIECE

2020 SHIRAZ

ADELAIDE HILLS

VINTAGE NOTES

Longview experienced late Autumn and early winter rainfalls in the lead up to 2020. Our dams filled rapidly in early Winter and soil moisture was ideal. With one of the hottest Decembers on record, maintaining healthy canopies with adequate soil moisture was challenging, but Longview handled the conditions well. Significant fire events devastated large swathes of vineyard in parts of the Northern Adelaide Hills. Longview was spared this natural disaster and 50 mm of rain at the end January and early February brought welcome relief. From then on, temperatures cooled right down, making ripening and harvesting conditions nearly perfect.

VINEYARD & WINEMAKING NOTES

We only pick 5 tonnes of Shiraz for The Piece. Fruit from our best Shiraz blocks (Block 15 and Block 3) is picked and kept in separate in 2.5-ton open fermenters with approximately 15% whole bunches. It is then gently pressed and again, categorised by block when placed in old French oak 500 litre Puncheons for around 18 months. Upon blending the 2020 vintage, we chose only seven barrels based on structure, flavour and finesse. Always a limited bottling, Longview produced a mere 4,700 bottles (390 Dozen) of this wine.

TASTING NOTES

A restrained, elegant wine which reflects the very cool vintage in which it was made. Displaying trademark aromas of white pepper, baking spices, bramble, blackberry and coffee. The palate is succulent, yet structured with a drive of ripe cherry flesh, tart red currants, mulberries, and Longview's hallmark natural acidity. These flavours are knitted together by dusty tannins, delivering a clean, dry finish with tremendous length. Cellar for 15 years or more and carefully decant at least 30 minutes prior to opening.

WINE ANALYSIS

Variety	100% Shiraz
Alcohol	13.5%
Residual Sugar	0.3 g/L
pH	3.67
Total Acidity	5.55 g/L
Bottled	18th August 2021
Released	November 2023

