

# BABYDOLL

## WINE OF NEW ZEALAND

Our BABYDOLL sheep live beneath the vines, nibbling on grass and weeds and giving their name to our delicious wines. Small but mighty, they're wonderful groundskeepers. Yes, they need a little help to keep the mowing going. But it's all for the good of the grapes.

## Babydoll Shiraz 2022

### Tasting Note

#### Bouquet

Lifted aromatics of dark cherry, black forest fruits, slight spicy oak aromas.

#### Palate

Intense flavours of ripe blackberry, dark fruits and hints of plum.

### Vintage Summary

The Clare Valley experienced nearly perfect conditions overall, resulting in another excellent vintage for 2022. Consistent winter rainfall brought the vines out of dormancy and into bud burst with the soil profile full of moisture. An official La Nina weather event followed by a cooler, wetter spring produced good canopy growth despite some minor frosts in October.

Flowering from late November through to early December during a settled weather period established an excellent fruit set and an above average crop size. Healthy rainfall over the summer helped the vines through veraison, and it remained dry for the bulk of the harvest, resulting in one of the biggest crops since 2017.

### Winemaking

Our Clare Valley Shiraz parcels were individually harvested by mid April. The fruit was destemmed and a warm fermentation followed with regular cap movement, to help extract colour and flavours from the skins. The wines were pressed off once the right balance of fruit and tannins were achieved. After aging, the wine was then blended, stabilised, and bottled.

**Harvest Date** April 2022

**Vineyard** Clare Valley, Australia

**Alcohol** 14.0%      **pH** 3.43

**Residual Sugar** 0.5 g/l      **TA** 6.43

#### Dietary Information

Suitable for vegetarians, vegans and a gluten free diet.

#### Food Match

Braised beef short ribs with a rich red wine sauce.

#### Cellaring Recommendation

Enjoy now, or cellar up to 3 - 5 years.



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