



The Blue Pyrenees Richardson series of wines are only produced in highly regarded vintages and are dedicated to the late Colin Richardson, a larger than life character who lived, breathed and loved wine. As fine wine director of Blue Pyrenees, national wine judge and educator he never stopped espousing the virtue of wine to anyone who cared to listen.



## BLUE PYRENEES

### 2012 RICHARDSON SHIRAZ

#### REGION

Pyrenees, Victoria, Australia.

#### GRAPE VARIETIES

99% Shiraz, 1% Viognier.

#### WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

The Richardson Series of wines are produced from exceptional batches of grapes identified by the Blue Pyrenees winemakers as having the potential to make an iconic varietal red wine as a tribute to the late Colin Richardson, whose signature graces the label.

The 2012 Richardson Shiraz is predominantly from the oldest (Block 1) Shiraz vines on the Blue Pyrenees Estate vineyard. These grapes displayed a great intensity of regional and varietal Shiraz characters as they reached optimum ripeness and balance. Vinification included a tiny amount of co-fermented Viognier, cold soaking pre-ferment, warm primary ferment, and then 2 weeks extended maceration on skins. Secondary fermentation and 22 months maturation in new and two year old French and American oak barriques ensured complexity, smoothness and integration of all flavour components before bottling in February 2014.

#### COLOUR & AROMA

Deep ruby red colour with distinctly ripe Pyrenees Shiraz aroma's of blackberry fruit, licorice and pepper notes all supported by classy French and American oak influences.

#### FLAVOUR

The blueberry, liquorice, black olive and spice flavours are all fruit derived but they have been crafted into a wine of great mouth feel by careful oak and tannin management. The long lasting spicy aftertaste is a delightful way to finish this Shiraz.

#### CELLARING

Can be enjoyed now or cellared with confidence for 20 years.

#### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol: 14.0%, Total Acidity: 6.6 g/L, pH: 3.49

#### AWARDS/REVIEWS

The Blue Pyrenees 2012 Richardson Shiraz has been awarded 4 gold medals, at the 2014 Wine Showcase magazine awards, the 2015 Australian National Single Vineyard Wine Show, and gold medals at the 2015 & 2016 China Wine & Spirit Awards. More recently this wine was awarded 96 points from Huon Hooke and Gourmet Traveller Wine Magazine in Sydney and named Global Master Syrah (top rating 95 points) by Drinks Magazine London – A truly globally appreciated super premium wine !

*“Blue Pyrenees Estate is consistently one of the best red wine producers in the country – to say nothing of its superb sparkling wines. The prices are a gift.”* HUON HOOKE, SYDNEY MORNING HERALD and GOURMET TRAVELLER WINE MAGAZINE, 2015.