



An Oath is a solemn promise or attestation of the truth of one's words or the sincerity of one's intentions. Our Oath to you is to create enticing and delicious wines to enjoy every day. The Oath Shiraz is the latest in our Oath series of wines which showcases the very best varietal expressions from the Clare Valley.

#### PLACE

The Oath Cabernet is sourced from the best rows at our Leasingham vineyard. These are overlooking Watervale. Allowing for maximum concentration of fruit, showcasing the Kilikanoon house style consisting of Powerful Elegance.

#### VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Following a mild winter temperatures, the vines emerged from their dormancy earlier than usual. This coupled with enduring mild weather during the growing season resulted in slower ripening and elongated time on the vine. These ideal conditions allowed the fruit to ripen evenly and slowly giving natural acid retention while developing varietal character and flavour ripeness at lower sugar levels. It also allowed individual parcels to be selected at the most opportune time as the seasonal rush to harvest was alleviated.

#### WINEMAKING

Fermented in open fermenters for 7-8 days. Pumpover twice daily. Basket pressed into quality French oak hogsheads with an average age between 2-5 years old. Maturation in barrel for 15 months prior to blending and bottling. No Fining or filtration

#### TECHNICAL

Alcohol 14%

#### WINEMAKER

Peter Warr

#### CELLARING

Delicious now but will also reward up to 5 years if cellared carefully

#### COLOUR

Brick red in colour with deep crimson hues.

#### NOSE

Bright blackberry aromas with a touch of tobacco leaf and a subtle cherry French oak character.

#### PALATE

The Oath Cabernet has all the hallmarks of the region - bright blackberry aromas and flavours while remaining powerful and elegant to the finish.

The aromas are mimicked on the palate where they are supported by fine grained tannins and balanced acidity. The long, succulent finish will give rise to further complexity if cellared carefully.