

# SMITHY'S BLEND #10

## THE STORY

Smithy's Blend was created to reward Warrabilla Wine Club members with a mouth filling, all occasions red wine at a sensational price. The blend varies year on year.

## THE FRUIT

A 40/40/20 blend of Shiraz, Durif and Cabernet Sauvignon from the 2022 and 2023 vintages.

## GROWING

Both 2022 and 2023 were mild in Rutherglen, with the 2023 vintage particularly wet to boot. Whilst this provided challenges, the upshot was we had a great deal of good quality fruit to direct toward our Smithy's Blend.

## WINEMAKING

Varieties were harvested at ideal ripeness and vinified separately, before being pressed to mostly American Oak puncheons, with approximated 25% French. Matured for an average of 15 months in seasoned oak, prior to Smithy assembling the final blend to his exacting standards.

## THE NUMBERS

Harvest: March & April 2022 &  
2023  
pH: 3.65  
TA: 6.25  
Alcohol: 15.5%

## TASTING NOTE

Dark crimson with a garnet hue.

Aromatic with ripe red cherry, raspberry and blood plum, with some gentle spice and cedarwood character in the background.

Full and rounded with plum, raspberry and plush cherry ripe fruit. Sweet baking spice, a dusting of cocoa powder and fine integrated oak. Mouth filling with supple integrated tannins, and a fine, drying finish.

Drinking well on release, and as with previous Smithy's releases would certainly reward cellaring over the short to medium term.

