

SMITHY'S BLEND #9



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

Equal parts Shiraz, Durif and Cabernet, from the 2022 vintage.

GROWING

A testing growing period, particularly through late spring and early summer when frequent rainfall kept us on our toes. Milder conditions through the ripening phase and into vintage allowed for good quality fruit across the board.

WINEMAKING

Varieties were harvested at ideal ripeness and vinified separately, before being pressed to mostly American Oak puncheons, with a smattering of French. Matured for twelve months in oak, prior to Smithy assembling the final blend to his exacting standards.

THE NUMBERS

Harvest: March & April 2022
pH: 3.55
TA: 6.50
Alcohol: 15.5%

TASTING NOTE

Bright garnet with vivid purple/maroon highlights.

Pretty and lifted with ripe raspberry and cherry notes, backed by more savoury nuances of forest floor, rosemary and woody herbs.

In the mouth the wine is all about balance. Great depth of fruit, with an abundance of natural spice, and hints of vanilla and cocoa. Integrated and complex, with fine, textured tannins and subtle oak.

With more than six months in bottle prior to release, Smithy's 9 is drinking beautifully straight out of the gate, though will continue to drink well over the coming 4-5 years.

