

Printhie Wines Tasting Notes

Wine Name	Printhie Super Duper Syrah
Vintage	2015
Varietal	Shiraz 100%
GI	Orange 100%
Vineyard(s)	Printhie (620m ASL, 100%)
Key Characteristics	Single vineyard wine. Estate grown. Extremely limited availability – only 2 barrels made, 600 litres or 65 cases. It started experimentally with whole bunch fermentation and now aims to provide an alternative but true expression of the Printhie vineyard.
Production Notes	Hand harvested, partially fermented with whole bunches (stalks and all) in open fermenters with about 30 days on skins. Including whole bunches in the ferment has 2 major effects. The wine has a completely different tannin structure – long and fine that actually acts as a vehicle to carry the flavour further along the palate. And the whole grapes that are still perfectly intact and attached to the stalk ferment in a totally different way producing very different fruit flavour to crushed grapes. After going to all that trouble to create a different structure and fruit expression there would be no point in smothering it in lots of new oak. Matured in 100% french oak of 1-3 years of age – no new oak. Bottled after 15 months.
Tasting Notes	This is shiraz, just a different expression of shiraz. It is very much a reflection of the 'less is more' philosophy. Less immediate impact, less typically Aussie shiraz bombastic big fruit and lots of oak. More subtlety, complexity and intrigue. Generous fruit and savoury complexity. A fine, long palate with textural richness. Don't drink it in a hurry, watch it evolve in the glass.
Analysis	Alc – 12.8%, pH - 3.74, TA – 5.9gL, RS – 0.5gL

Cellaring	It is being released with a couple of years bottle age but will continue to evolve and mature adding layers of complexity over the next decade.

Bottling Date	10-May-2016
Release Date	November 2020