

RUTHERGLEN ESTATES

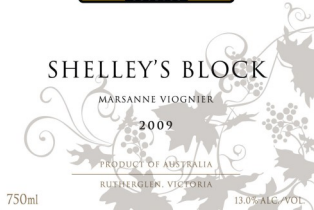
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OVERVIEW

The history of Rutherglen Estates can be traced back to the late 1800s when the Burgoyne Brothers, who later changed their name to 'The Rutherglen Estates', purchased Mt Ophir winery and vineyard operations. Although ownership has changed and the plantings renewed, Rutherglen Estates winery and vineyards essentially re-establish these original holdings.

Rutherglen Estate has a mean January Temperature and a heat summation of 1770, meaning it is classified as a 'warm' winegrowing region. Its proximity to the nearby Victorian Alps and the continental climate ensures the estate experiences good diurnal temperature fluctuation (warm days and cool nights) which is ideal for premium wine production. With warm, daytime conditions during summer and autumn which are complemented by cool evenings, Rutherglen Estates is one of Australian's exceptional wine areas to create rich, ripe, indulgent wines, with fine varietal flavors and elegance.

The five Rutherglen vineyard estates enjoy a relatively isolated and pristine natural environment, and the luxury of good water availability via careful management of rainwater catchment, river and bore-water allocations.

The wine styles produced are inspired by the region's traditional styles combined with its climatic suitability to the classic grape varieties of both France and Italy. For these reasons the Rutherglen Estates vineyards are home to plantings Durif (also known as Petit Sirah), Shiraz, Grenache, Mourvèdre, Nebbiolo, Sangiovese, Viognier and Marsanne.

The Rutherglen Estates winemaking philosophy is to produce fine, hand crafted wines, utilizing the finest of traditional and modern technology, attaining the very best expression of the estate fruit.

WINES

Shelley's Block Marsanne-Viognier Rutherglen 2009

"70/30 blend. Light yellow. Spicy aromas of pink grapefruit, pear skin and talc, with a peppery note adding lift. Firm and dry, even slightly hard-edged, with tangy citrus flavors and a building note of dried herbs. Leaves suggestions of anise and fresh sage behind on the taut, focused finish. I like this wine's uncompromising personality but suspect that some will want more flesh. 87 Points." **Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar**

Red Shiraz-Petit Sirah Rutherglen 2008

"A blend of 85% Shiraz and 15% Durif (Petit Sirah), (it) has a very deep garnet-purple color and pronounced notes of blackberry preserves, warm blueberries and menthol with a hint of dried bay leaf. The full bodied palate has very crisp, slightly disjointed acidity with plenty of juicy, berry flavored fruit, a medium level of chewy tannins and a medium-long finish. Drinking now, it should remain good through 2014. 86 points" Jay Miller, **The Wine Advocate**



WORLD WINE HEADQUARTERS

Varieties: Petit Sirah, Shiraz, Grenache, Mourvèdre, Nebbiolo, Sangiovese, Viognier and Marsanne

Total Acres: 850 acres

Average Production: 30,000 cases

This is destined to be the most ambitious vineyard project since the Rutherglen region was first planted back in the 1850's. With 5 hillside vineyards, this estate is destined to be a treasure trove of great Rhône varietal wines.