

CLARE VALLEY
REILLY'S
DRY LAND WINES

2004 Dry Land Shiraz



Vineyards:	Reilly's Block, Leasingham 57% Smyth's Block, Leasingham 27% Stolen Block, Leasingham 16% Average Vine Age – 41 years
Cropping:	0.5T/acre (hand picked mid-March)
Baumé:	14.9
Yeast:	AWRI 796
Fermentation:	Open 8 days
Maturation:	American Oak Hogsheads - 2 yrs
Total Acidity:	7.13g/L
pH:	3.52
Residual Sugar:	2 g/L
Alcohol:	14.5%
Best Drinking:	Now – 2018
Closure:	Screw cap

Winemaker's Notes

Sourced from premium dry grown fruit this is a full bodied and powerful Shiraz. It is deep purple in colour with ripe plum and dark berry characters and fresh well integrated oak.

91/100 Robert Parker Jnr, Wine Advocate (Oct 07)

"Produced from lower yields and spent 2 years in American oak, 50% new. The bouquet exhibits pain grille, blueberry, blackberry, licorice, and a hint of eucalyptus. Full-bodied, the wine has a velvety texture, layers of sweet, spicy dark fruit flavors, moderate tannin and a long finish."

88 pts Stephen Tanzer

"Ruby-red. Liqueur-like cherry and dark berry scents, with notes of dark chocolate and tar. Fresher on the palate than on the nose but by no means elegant, displaying deep, weighty black-berry and blackcurrant flavors and gentle spicy lift. Emphatically weighty, almost sweet, and sure to please fans of the type."

Australian Gourmet Pages Newsletter, April 2010

"Reilly's in the Clare Valley has always produced gutsy red wines and their dry land series are concentrated, strongly varietal wines, showing off their terroir. The Dry Land Shiraz is no exception and the 2004 is a superb example of a good, Australian Shiraz. It has it all: concentration, fruit, spice and that certain, undefinable but superb 'earthiness' that makes this red something special... I can't recommend them highly enough."