

JIM BARRY

CLARE VALLEY

PROUD FAMILY WINEMAKERS SINCE 1959



2016 'THE ARMAGH' SHIRAZ

The Armagh Shiraz has achieved extraordinary success and is regarded as one of Australia's highest quality wines, being rated "Exceptional" in Langton's Classification of Australian Wine. The name of 'Armagh' was bestowed by the original Irish settlers who arrived in 1849, and named after the lush rolling hills of their homeland. The vineyard was planted by Jim Barry in 1968 and yields less than two tonnes per acre.

Jane Anson - Decanter

99 Points

August 2020

This is a brilliant wine that makes you sit up and pay attention. Concentrated and mouthwatering with spicy liquorice root and black cherries. Needs a couple more years to fully open but already it packs a punch without being overpowering, and it achieves the feat of great wines where you simply know how good they are by how your palate responds to the effortless balance of tannin, juice and brambled fruit. Long ageing potential also. 3.5pH, 70% French oak, 30% American oak. From sandy gravel soils with full sun exposure meaning natural low yields of around 30hl/ha.

Nick Stock - for jamessuckling.com

99 Points

June 2020

"Wow. This is a bold, brassy shiraz that carries a wealth of very intense aromas of ripe blackberries, dark plums, licorice and sweetly spiced earth. Still so very youthful and primary. The palate is so powerful, so mouth-filling and so, so juicy. This manages to deliver such intensity and composure. Supple, long and deep-set tannins and heroically expressive fruit. Really impressive now, but this will deliver much more over the next two decades. One of the finest releases to date".

Joe Cwerinski - eRobert Parker

97 Points

February 2020

"My pick of the recently bottled vintages, the 2016 The Armagh Shiraz shows a bit more obvious oak (simply because of its youth) but also a wonderful taut tension between ripeness and acidity. The fruit here is a bit redder in profile, leaning more toward raspberries than blackberries, while still being fully ripe. Full-bodied and supple, it finishes cedary, intense and long, adding in complex, lingering spice notes."

