



## BELLBRAE ESTATE

### 2017 Bellbrae Estate 'Bells' Syrah

*Geelong, VIC*

#### **Background**

We have named our premium Bellbrae Estate wines after our local Surf Breaks. The most famous of these is 'Bells' – home of the longest running professional surfing competition worldwide. Its hallmark is a large, open walled surf break that is renowned for its power and majesty. Likewise, our cool, maritime climate Syrah has power, elegance and length.

#### **Winemaking**

Hand-picked, crushed and fermented in open fermenters. Fifty percent matured in new French oak barriques and the balance in 1 year old barriques, all for 14 months on fine lees.

#### **Tasting Note**

Our winemaker has always been enamoured with the wines of the Northern Rhone area of France, and this Syrah is soft and supple on the palate. Characters of plum and raspberry are integrated with savoury notes of spice, black pepper and cedar oak. A silky, medium-bodied wine with a deliciously long palate. Maturation in new and one-year-old French oak, balanced with silky tannins give this wine structure to cellar well for about 10 years from vintage.

This Syrah is easy to pair with food, yet so moreish that you will want to keep enjoying it long after your meal. Perfectly suited to the Surf Coast lifestyle.

#### **Technical**

<b>Grape:</b>	100% Shiraz
<b>Vineyard Clone:</b>	PT23
<b>Soil:</b>	Buckshot Sandy Loam
<b>Location:</b>	Bellbrae, Geelong Region
<b>Oak Treatment:</b>	50% New ,50% 1yr French Barriques for 14 months
<b>Wine Analysis:</b>	Alc = 13.5%, pH: 3.50, TA: 6.5g/l
<b>Production:</b>	130 dozen

