

# PIKES

CLARE VALLEY

Established 1984

## 2021 'THE ASSEMBLAGE' GRENACHE SHIRAZ MOURVEDRE

### WINEMAKER'S NOTE

Good winter rain allowed soil profiles to be full, giving the vines a great start to the growing season. A remarkably cool summer followed, providing perfect conditions for healthy balanced vines. The long ripening period produced fruit with a perfect balance of good colour, high natural acidity and concentrated flavours. 100% Estate grown, "The Assemblage" is our Northern Rhone inspired blend. Grenache brings the aromatic bright fruits and palate structure, Shiraz provides plush mid palate and blue fruits, and Mourvedre provides dark fruits and spice.

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

**Fruit Source:** Estate Grown

**Variety:** 34% Grenache, 33% Shiraz, 33% Mourvedre

**Vintage:** 2021

**Region:** Polish Hill River, Clare Valley

**Fermentation:** Wild yeast ferment, small open fermenters, gentle cap management

**Maturation:** 8 months in seasoned French barrique

**Alc/Vol** 14%

**pH** 3.48

**TA** 5.63 g/L

### ABOUT PIKES

Pikes Wines is grounded by family. From brothers to sons, since 1984 when the Pike family first stepped foot on Polish Hill River soil and decided to make wine together.

Our site is unique, with tough acidic soils overlaying ancient dark grey siltstone of the Kadlunga Slate formation, which has lay beneath Polish Hill River for 650 million years.

Our wine style is elegant and refined, yet approachable. A style that has been forged over many years by geology and geography, viticultural learnings, and a hands-off winemaking approach.

### Pikes Tasting Room

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Tasting Room: open daily, from 10am - 4pm

Slate Restaurant: Lunch from 12pm Thu - Sun, Dinner from 6pm Sat

### TASTING NOTES

**Appearance:** Medium cherry red.

**Aroma:** Bright fruit forward bouquet featuring cherries, blueberries, raspberry liqueur and hints of chocolate. Reminiscent of black forest cake. As the wine opens up, spice and subtle charry oak aromas emerge.

**Palate:** Medium bodied, plush red fruits on up front, continuing the theme. Soft elegant tannins and hints of spice provide a seamless palate roll from start to finish. Beautifully balanced.

**Summary:** A complex, juicy-yet-savoury red that pairs beautifully with slow cooked Asian style beef short ribs. Drinking superbly upon release and will reward cellaring for 5 years.

