

SPRINGS ROAD



Kangaroo Island

KANGAROO ISLAND 2021 TERRE NAPOLÉON SHIRAZ

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Springs Road Wines

Springs Road runs east/ west across the Northern part of Kangaroo Island, South Australia. Spring Road vineyard was established in 1994 on a small sheep property off Springs Road about 7km west of Kingscote. Springs Road Wines are owned and operated by Joch Bosworth and Louise Hemsley-Smith from McLaren Vale's Battle of Bosworth wines.

The Label

The Springs Road wine label is adapted from French cartographer Louis Freycinet's 1808 map of Southern Australia, 'Carte Generale de la Terre Napoléon.' Freycinet accompanied Nicholas Baudin on his voyage of discovery through the Southern Ocean between 1801 and 1803 and charted the coastline all the way from Wilson's Promontory in the East (Victoria) to the Nullabor National Park in the West, centering on the 'Iles Decres', or Kangaroo Island. 'Terre Napoléon' is the first detailed map of southern Australia.

Vineyards

The first vines were planted at Springs Road in 1994 to Shiraz and Chardonnay (Kate's Block), followed by A block in 2000 (Shiraz, Chardonnay and Cabernet). The final blocks were planted in 2000, New Block to Cabernet Sauvignon and the Dam block to Shiraz. Vineyards are on predominantly sandy loam soils over limestone and marl (clay) with some patches of Bay of Biscay soils (black cracking clays), interspersed with some ironstone. Soils are shallow and relatively infertile. We have a low annual average rainfall, between 400-500mm annually.

Vintage 2021

Vintage 2021 was a dream, a little bit like Baby Bears porridge; just right. We had good rains (above average) in the preceding winter, not too much heat during spring and summer, very few heat spikes during harvest and dry throughout the ripening period. Can we have another one just like 2021 for 2022 please?

Winemaking

Terre Napoléon comprises Joch's favourite barrels of Shiraz from our Springs Road vineyards. Shiraz is harvested and brought back to our Willunga Battle of Bosworth winery, where it is crushed and fermented in small open 2 tonne vessels. We pump the fermenting juice over the skins (more flavour and texture) and allow the wine to finish fermenting in barrel. The Terre Napoléon spends about 16 months in a brand new French barrique, as well as a couple of two-year old barrels.

Tasting Notes

A terrific bright red/ purple, the wine is very dense in colour too, with intense red and black fruits and the merest whiff of island eucalyptus. TN is extremely well-balanced, medium-bodied with a long, plush, flavoursome palate and length. The Terre Napoléon will cellar for a considerable length of time if stored correctly, from 8-15 years.

Technical Details

Picking date: 23rd and 25th March 2021
Alcohol: 14.0%
Bottled: 21st May 2022
Cases: 115 6 packs

