



AMPHITHEATRE SYRAH 2018 MARLBOROUGH

VINEYARD	Brookby Hill
SUB REGION	Southern Valleys
SOIL TYPE	Windblown loess over clay
CLONES	Stonecroft & Chave
PH	3.70
TA	4.7g/l
RS	< 1g/l
ALCOHOL	12.5%

Amphitheatre alludes to our natural amphitheatre-shaped Brookby Hill Vineyard.

HARVEST & WINEMAKING:

January 2018 was one of the hottest on record, followed by February which was one of the wettest. Warm nights led to low acids and an early harvest. Fruit flavours were intense and delicious. Hand picked from our single cane, high density planted vines, in a hot pocket site grown at the top of our Brookby Hill Vineyard. The fruit was fermented in an open top tank with 30% whole bunch clusters and traditionally foot stomped. The wine was then lightly pressed into 25% new and seasoned French oak barrels and aged for 11 months before being bottled unfiltered.

Winemaker: David Clouston

TASTING NOTES:

Aromas of blueberry combine with black peppercorn, spice and dried thyme to create an earthy character on the nose. The palate is in the savoury spectrum with blue fruit and violet flavours shining through. This wine is bright and fresh with great concentration, focus and energy.

Pair with slow cooked or smoked meats.