

# JIM BARRY

## CLARE VALLEY

The name of 'Armagh' was bestowed by the original Irish settlers who arrived in 1849 and named the lush, rolling hills after their homeland.

In 1968 the vineyard was planted by Jim Barry and yields less than two tonnes per acre. The soil is sandy gravel and receives an average rainfall of 600mm per year. The vineyard lies on a north-west facing slope which acts as a natural sun trap, ensuring the fruit is always fully ripened when picked.

Wine has been flowing in the Clare Valley since 1851 and is an integral part of the culture. It is one of Australia's most prestigious premium wine regions, most famous for its Riesling and Shiraz. A small area, accounting for less than 1.5% of Australia's total wine production. With its beautiful, rolling hills, ideal winter rainfall and Mediterranean climate, the Clare Valley carries a unique history and winemaking heritage.

## 2021 THE ARMAGH SHIRAZ

### Winemaking Notes

The 2021 bursts from the glass displaying vibrant blueberry, redcurrant and purple fruits with sage, violets, licorice and kalamata olive tapenade playing a supporting role.

The dark purple pastille fruit stains the palate before a flush of cranberry, blackberries and orange oil perfume explode in the mouth. Fine sandy tannins, bring the wine into focus with mulberry acidity driving the wine to a long and expansive finish. A bouquet garni of thyme, sage and mountain herbs adds freshness while clove and star anise spice adds a background top note.

The 2021 The Armagh is full of energy with acidity and tannin giving great tension to the waves of bright, fresh red and purple fruit. The perfect growing season has given an Armagh that magnifies all of the best characters of the vineyard, distilled down to a wine which displaying power and finesse and not previously seen from this site.

### Vintage Information

Variety:	100% Shiraz
Vintage:	2021
Region:	Clare Valley, South Australia
Estate grown:	100%
First release:	Vintage 1985
Analysis:	Alc/vol 14.0% Total Acid 6.9g/L pH 3.4
Oak:	15 Months in 50% new French Oak
Drinking Window:	2052
Serve at:	16-18°C
Winemakers:	Peter & Tom Barry
Rating(s):	Robert Parker 97+ points James Suckling 97/100

