

## THE EMPIRE NV

## THE GRAPES

100 % shiraz.

A late bottled vintage style which shows the level of fruit flavours typical of Rutherglen to advantage.

- Julie Campbell

## TASTING NOTES

Colour Deep brick red with tawny hues.

Bouquet Ripe spicy shiraz fruit with berry aromas and complex oak.

Ripe developed fruit with considerable depth. The length of wood maturation is showing in the oak complexity and the drying tannin finish.

Serving Suggestions

Palate

Serve with fine coffee, blue cheeses and rich chocolate.

Cellaring

Blended for optimum flavour and balance prior to bottling, this wine will not improve with further cellaring and should ideally be enjoyed soon after opening.



## PRODUCTION

Alc. 17.5% Bé 5.8°

Fermented on skins until the desired sweetness level was reached and then drained and fortified. Lengthy maturation in small oak casks.