

TASTING NOTES



2013 LIMITED RELEASE BLOCK 3A SHIRAZ

The Limited Release Philosophy

The Hemera Estate 'Limited Release' range is where we endeavour to present the purest expression of our vineyards. Parcels of fruit that show exceptional fruit purity, intensity and elegance are set aside at vintage and carefully matured to display their finest characteristics. If the wine lives up to these high expectations it will be bottled as part of this range.

Vintage Conditions

The 2013 vintage saw very low rainfall in the winter and spring leading up to fruit ripening. This resulted in small berry and bunch formation and the commencement of vintage earlier than average. The smaller berries produced intense flavours in all varieties and excellent juice to skin ratios in reds. The resultant wines have pure varietal flavours with excellent mouth-feel and length to the palate.

Vineyard Selection

This wine is taken entirely from our Block 3A vineyard which is planted to a unique heritage clone sourced from centenarian vines in the Eden Valley. This special block is perched upon the top of a weathered and gravelly hill, with an ironstone base. Here, in this tough soil, the vines receive full exposure to the elements, resulting in natural limitations to vigour, producing small and intense fruit with refined elegance.

Tasting Evaluation

A nose of rich, vibrant blueberries, creamy blackcurrants and a hint of chocolate orange provide a wonderfully intense aromatic experience. The palate is sumptuously full and elegantly saturated with dark black and blue fruits, spiced mocha characters play through this fruit and the beautifully integrated fruit and oak tannins wrap the whole in a tight, powerful core. Intense and driven, the palate has exceptional length and character.

Technical Notes

Varietal composition: 100% Shiraz
Region (GI): Barossa Valley
Winemaker: Alex Peel
Alcohol: 15%
pH: 3.41
TA: 7.1g/L
Cellaring Potential: 10+ years



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