

TASTING NOTES



2015 LIMITED RELEASE HOME BLOCK SHIRAZ

The Limited Release Philosophy

Hemera Estate's Limited Release collection enables us to showcase the most unique wines of the vintage, whether it be fruit from a specific patch of dirt within our vineyard or a distinctive parcel or variety that has shown itself to be a standout. This collection enables us to bring the wines that may have most excited us in the winery to you in their purest form.

Vintage Conditions

The 2015 vintage was something of a classic Barossa Valley vintage. Good winter and spring rainfalls and moderate warm temperatures with minimal excessive heat led to a balanced growing season and ideal harvest conditions. The warm conditions coupled with cool nights and a cool March allowed for optimum ripening conditions; bold tannin structures, bright fruit and good retention of natural fruit acid.

Vineyard Selection

Fruit for the Home Block Shiraz was sourced from our estate vineyard sourced from Blocks 3A and 6A planted in 1994 and 2004 respectively.

Winemaking

Once the grapes have been identified to be of optimum maturation and flavour ripeness, the parcels are brought into the winery where they are destemmed and crushed into the open top fermenters. Manual pump overs are conducted twice daily to provide extraction of colour, flavour and tannins. Towards the end of fermentation, the wine is drained and then pressed to a combination of predominately new French oak barrels for 18 months of maturation. Careful barrel selection takes place before the wine is blended.

Tasting Evaluation

Colour: Garnet with a dark core

Aroma: Dark fruits, plum and prune are at the fore with complex amalgam of tomato paste, oregano, leather and subtle oak spice

Palate: Aroma characters transcribe to the palate, complimented by a meaty characterie flavour with a rich fleshy mid-palate, framed with fine grain almost dusty tannins. This wine will benefit with a couple of years further cellaring to bring out this wine's best.

Technical Notes

Varietal composition: 100% Estate grown Shiraz

Region (GI): Barossa Valley

Winemaker: Alex MacClelland

Alcohol: 14.7%

pH: 3.42

TA: 7.1g/L



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