

TASTING NOTES



2020

"H" BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ

Vintage Conditions

The 2020 growing season was dry with winter and spring rains being well below average. Flowering unfortunately was interrupted with frosts and very strong winds, coupled with very cold nights. December was hot and dry with 11 days over 35C and 8 days over 40C. As a result, bunch size was below average with smaller than normal berry size. A mild February with approximately 20mm of rain on 1st February slowed down phenological ripening allowing us to hang the grapes to ensure full flavour ripeness, whilst retaining natural acidity. Yields across the board were down between 50-80% depending on the vineyard. Wines produced, have saturated colours, intense aromatics and great flavour concentration and length. Overall an exceptional year!

Vineyard Selection

This is Hemera Estate's entry-level Shiraz, sourced from our seven blocks of Shiraz comprising a selection of clones across varying elevations, row orientations and soil types aged up to 27 years old.

Winemaking

Each parcel of Shiraz is picked at optimal ripeness to display rich varietal characters. The fruit is crushed into open-topped fermenters and twice-daily pump-overs provide soft extraction of colour, flavour and tannin from the grape skins. At the conclusion of fermentation, the wine is pressed into and matured in a combination of new (30%) and seasoned (70%) French and American oak hogsheads for 16 months before blending and bottling. This wine is neither filtered nor fined.

Tasting Evaluation

Colour: Garnet with a dark core and pale rim.

Aroma: Brooding nose of blue & Black fruits. Wafts of mocha, cinnamon, nutmeg, vanilla pod and desiccated coconut. Aromatic memories of a lamington.

Palate: Mouth filling, textural, dense fruit sweetness of dark plum, black cherry and black currant complimented with a savoury mocha and dark chocolate notes. Powdery fruit/oak tannins delicately wrap the sweet fruit core. Red apple skin acidity adds freshness.

Technical Notes

Varietal composition: 100% Shiraz
Region (GI): Barossa Valley
Winemaker: Jason Barrette
Alcohol: 14.4% alc/vol
pH: 3.66
TA: 7.0g/L
Residual Sugar: 0.45g/L
Bottled: 24 August 2021



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