

Elderton

2020 Barossa Shiraz

History

The fruit for this Shiraz was traditionally sourced from the Elderton vineyard situated on the banks of the North Para River, Nuriootpa, Barossa Valley, South Australia. Today, this wine includes fruit from the three exceptional estate vineyards that the Ashmead family own.

Elderton was transformed from a vineyard supplying quality fruit to other wineries to a winery in its own right in 1982, and have since won much recognition for all of the wines, especially the Shiraz. Barossa Shiraz is now highly collectable worldwide, and the Elderton is always a benchmark for the region.

Vineyard Information

Our Barossa Shiraz comes from many parcels across our three vineyard sites. These vineyards ripen differently owing to their different aspects, elevation and soil types. Our Greenock vineyard is on the western end of the Barossa, first to ripen for us and always brings a vibrant bouquet and punchy tannin to our blend. Our Nuriootpa plantings bring a depth of tannin and a lovely sweet spiced fruit element and our Craneford vineyard is a more elevated site on leaner soils ripening later in the season.

Vineyard Source Estate grown, 43% Craneford, 41% Greenock, 16% Nuriootpa

Vine Age 3 - 28 years

Picking Date 6 - 20 March 2020

Winemaker Comments

2020 presented a challenging year with minute yields, smaller than average berry size and intense flavour in our Estate Shiraz. Careful cap management ensured gentle extraction from the skins and seeds whilst avoiding harsh bitter tannins. We love the way these three vineyard sites work together in the Estate Shiraz to create a wine with structure, fruit and finally freshness owing to the Eden Valley component. Post fermentation our single batches were put to a combination of new and used French and American oak for malolactic fermentation and maturation before blending.

- Jules Ashmead & Brock Harrison

Style	Full bodied, classic and serious
Colour	A vibrant dark purple
Aroma	Black forest fruits and a hint of spiced plums
Palate	Rich red fruits and plummy depth with a touch of spicy cloves leading in to a seamless length on the palate with chalky tannins matched with juicy red fruit sweetness.
Oak	Predominantly older American and French puncheons, 23 months
Cellaring	Drink now or cellar confidently for up to 10 years from vintage
Alc/vol	14.8%

