



2024 Barossa Shiraz

History

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 Estate Shiraz is always a benchmark for the region.

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. For several years our Estate Shiraz has come from our vineyards in Nuriootpa, Greenock and Craneford. In 2024 we introduced a 4th vineyard to the mix, our Mengler vineyard. Another expression of Eden Valley here, with a real brightness of fruit and a very taught tannin structure. This vineyard, right on the edge of the Barossa Valley at high altitude is a very welcome addition to our portfolio, we are super excited with what is to come from this vineyard.

Vineyard Information

Our 4 vineyard sites each have unique ripening patterns 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. Craneford is a more elevated site on leaner soils ripening later in the season and brings a lovely savoury note to the wine and Mengler as mentioned brings a brightness and vitality to the blend.

Vineyard Source 100% Estate Grown (36% Mengler, 30% Greenock, 19% Craneford, 15% Nuriootpa)

Vine Age Up to 128 years

Picking Date 26 February - 4 April 2024

Winemaker Comments

After a cool season in 2023 things began to dry out again. We didn't receive our average quota of winter rains, leading to an early and warm start to the season. This left some vineyards vulnerable to frost damage which we observed to a small extent in Nuriootpa. The ripening season was long and mild allowing for both decent flavour and tannin development and an excellent balance in our wines.

We love the way our 4 vineyard sites work together in the Estate Shiraz to create a wine with structure, fruit and freshness, resulting in a true Barossa expression of Shiraz. Post fermentation in our open vats with both heading boards and pump over cap management, our single batches were put to a combination of new and used French and American oak for malolactic fermentation and maturation before final blending time.

- Jules Ashmead & Brock Harrison

Style	Full bodied, classic and serious
Colour	Vibrant dark purple
Aroma	Spiced plum and lifted berry fruits
Palate	Vibrant red fruits and gamey depth with a touch of spicy cloves leading to a seamless finish with fresh and long tannins laced with vibrant red berry sweetness and a touch of oak spice.
Oak	Predominantly older American and French puncheons, 20 months
Cellaring	Drink now or cellar confidently for up to 10 years from vintage
Alc/vol	14.8%

