

1888

Barossa Valley • Shiraz • 2019



The Story

1888 was the first red made from our own vineyard at our new home in the Barossa! The site, and its oldest building, dates all the way back to 1888 when it was purchased by Heinrich Hermann, and has been a vineyard since. First it was planted with Mataro, but these days it's mostly Shiraz (with a touch of Touriga).

For the label, we sought inspiration from our early adopters in the new project. These names, 600 good and true, are the people who first staked a claim in the new project. Without their support, we wouldn't be here today!

Winemaking

The vines have some solid age behind them, each over 25 years old. The vintage official verdict is that "2019 will be the lowest-yielding Barossa harvest of the past decade ... very high quality but of limited supply."

After picking and destemming, the berries were popped into open-top vats. Then, in the cool of the cellar, were left to macerate on their skins for 18 days with a mixture of punchdowns and pumpovers, being very gentle on the fruit. Finally, the wine was aged in a combination of new (around 30%) and seasoned, French and American oak barrels for the perfect balance of flavours.

Tasting Note

Very deep colour - blackish-crimson - with big aromas of ripe blackberry, plum and raspberry, dark chocolate and cedar spice. Velvety first, it's textured, chewy, with plovly rounded, approachable tannins. Then it reins back a little (it's young). Still lots of black fruit, with layers of tobacco, smoky liquorice and bitter chocolate spice. Long, intriguing, it's the sort of wine that's hugely enjoyable with food now, but will continue evolving and surprising you over the next 10 years

Food Pairing

Pair with a beautifully barbecued, medium-rare beef, lamb or even kangaroo or even a hearty stew or some burgers stuffed full of cheddar and bacon!

Cellar Potential

A really strong, long-lived Shiraz with the potential to go on for a good 10 years, if not longer.

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Grape: Shiraz

Alcohol (abv.): 14.5 %

Cellar Potential: 10 years



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