



B A R O S S A

Elderton
Friends Shiraz
Vintage 2004
(Stelvin Closure)

Variety: Shiraz 95%, Mataro 5%

Region: Barossa (90% Eden Valley)

History: *It has always been our intention to grow our production and business but we feel we would be compromising the uniqueness of our current estate wines by bulking up their quantities, thus have developed this new wine together with the Friends Cabernet Sauvignon to fill out the range. It has taken many years to find and develop relationships with many small growers in the Barossa, but now we can truly say that these new wines are sourced from our friend's vineyards. We now believe with the new labelling and improvements to wine styling and focus, we have created one of the best bargain wines in the Barossa.*

Style: *The wine is made in the Elderton style of being big, soft, rich and juicy. The fruit is sourced from friend's vineyards in the Barossa, other than the Elderton Estate. It has developed further complexity from 8 months maturation in American and a little touch of French oak puncheons*

Tasting Note: *In typical Barossa style, the wine shows both power and refinement. The wine starts off seductively earthy but then turns to glorious crushed berries, chocolate and hints of plums and vanilla. The small percentage of Mataro (also known as Mouvedre) is used to give the wine a silky taste and texture. The wine shows plenty of flesh and good concentration and drinks well today but can be cellared into the mid term.*

Analytical Data:

Alcohol: 14.0%
TA: 5.23 g/L
PH: 3.59

Food Suggestions:

Ragu, BBQ sausages and steak, pizza or matured cheddar cheese.

Accolades:

GOLD, China International Wine & Spirit Challenge, 2006
SILVER, San Francisco Wine Competition 2006
SILVER, Japan Wine Challenge, 2006
BRONZE, China International Wine & Spirit Challenge, 2006
88 Points, Robert Parker 2006

