

2008 FRIENDS SHIRAZ

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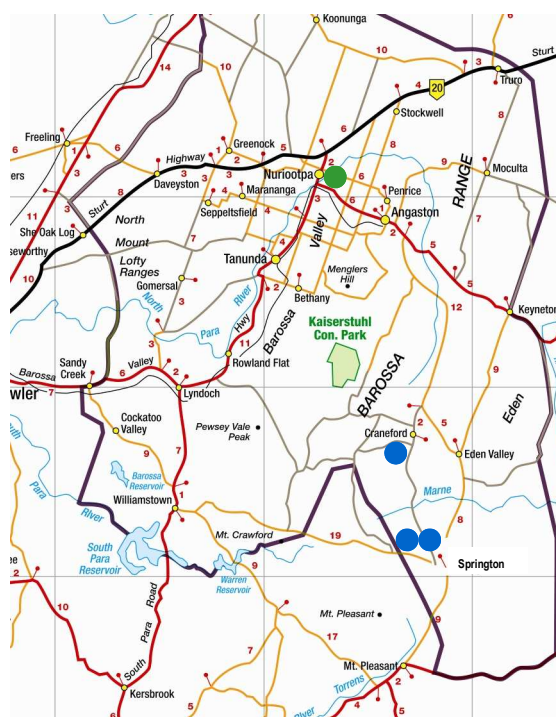
The Friends label has been developed to show off the greatness of the Eden Valley as a sub region of the Barossa, and to provide a point of difference to our Estate wines which are sourced from the Barossa Valley floor. It has taken many years to find and develop relationships with many small growers in this region, but now we can truly say that these wines are sourced from our *friend's* vineyards. We believe with the new labelling and improvements to wine styling & focus, we have created one of the best bargain ranges of the Barossa.

Vineyard Locations

The Friends label recognises our relationship with our small number of contract growers, whom provide us with superb fruit, grown away from our Barossa floor vineyards, each year.

The Eden Valley sub-appellation of the Barossa varies tremendously in climatic conditions and soils from that of the Barossa valley floor. The climate is cooler and wetter and the soils tend to be skeletal and minerally, providing elegantly structured fruit with delicate floral characters and acid structures.

This Shiraz predominately comes from the Elderton Craneford, Eden Valley Estate and Eden Hall Vineyards, located deep within the picturesque Eden Valley ranges.



- Elderton Barossa floor vineyards
- Eden Hall Vineyard, Eden Valley Estate & Elderton Craneford vineyards

Grower/s Steve & Megan Secker (Eden Valley Estate)
Merv Storton (Elderton Craneford viticulturalist)
David & Mardi Hall (Eden Hall Vineyards)
Elevation 390 - 435m
Soils Ranging from calcareous, skeletal profiles to sandy loams over sandstone & quartz



Winemaker's Comments

"In typical Barossa style, this 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 wine shows plenty of flesh and good concentration and drinks well today, but can be cellared into the mid term. An elegant, poised and food friendly Shiraz." - Richard Langford

Style Medium / full bodied, velvety
Colour Dark purple/red
Aroma Chocolate, mulberry
Flavour Chocolate, mulberry, vanilla and white pepper

Vintage Details

Vintage year 2008
Region Eden Valley / Barossa
Variety 100% Shiraz
Oak 14 months in American & French oak puncheons (500 litre barrels)
Alc/Vol 14.0%
TA 6.2 g/L
pH 3.33