



ELDERTON BAROSSA VALLEY
COMMAND SHIRAZ
VINTAGE 1998

HISTORY

The Elderton Command Shiraz has established an enviable reputation since the first vintage in 1984. It is truly one of Australia's best and most highly regarded Icon wines. Accolades have come from the world over for vintages such as the 1992, which was chosen by the influential wine critic Robert Parker in his U.S. magazine the "Wine Advocate" as one of the world's top 80 wines. The 1995 Command was awarded 95 points by "Wine Spectator" and placed in their top 100 wines of 2000 and the 1996 Command won the trophy for the best Shiraz in the world at the London International Wine and Spirit Competition, which Elderton's principal - Lorraine Ashmead believes ratifies her plans, aspirations and expectations to produce a great wine of the world.

VITICULTURE

The Elderton Command Shiraz grapes are grown on a selected portion of the Elderton Estate vineyard, from vines planted in the early 1900's. Grown on rich river silt soils and red brown earth over limestone, in a Mediterranean climate with cropping levels less than 4 tonnes per hectare. The grapes are picked at optimum maturity which in 1998 was about 14.5° baumé.

WINEMAKING

Use of open fermenters, with some juice drawn off early in the fermentation process, long term maturation (almost 3 years, starting off in new American & new French oak puncheons and then transferred into older oak after about one year.) and 12 months bottle age prior to release, make this quality wine complex and balanced with a long term cellaring potential.

THE WINE

100% Old Vine Barossa Valley Shiraz

Colour: Almost Black, Inky

Nose: Chocolate, rose petals, violets and a hint of cedar

Palate: It shows spicy lifted oak, which is well knit with loads of fruit and dark chocolate characters. The wine is rich and powerful, yet balanced throughout.

Alcohol: 14.5% Alc Vol

Ageing: Cellar up to 15 years.

3 Silver Medals

8 Bronze Medals

97/100 Vintage Direct

★★★★ The Big One, Winestate Magazine

94/100 Wine Spectator Magazine

