

Elderton Barossa Command Single Vineyard Shiraz Vintage 2000

THE WINE

100% Ancient Vine Barossa Valley Shiraz

Colour: Dark Magenta with vibrant hue.

Nose: Showing plums, black fruit and a hint of cedar.

Palate: An awesome balance of fruit weight and integrated spicy lifted oak.
The wine shows loads of plums, chocolate and huge soft tannins.
The wine is rich and powerful, yet balanced throughout.

Alcohol: 14.5% Alc/Vol

Ageing: Cellar up to 10 years.



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. 2000 was a difficult year for viticulture, with excessive heat being followed by some unseasonal rain just prior to picking. Ridiculously low yields however ensured that quality of this fruit was still supreme.

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.

ACCOLADES to date

97 Points – Wine Spectator, 2004

★★★★★ Winestate Magazine, March/April 2004

Gold Medal - Hobart Wine Show, 2004

Silver Medal – International Wine Challenge, 2004

Silver Medal - Brisbane Wine Show, 2003

Silver Medal – Royal Sydney Wine Show, 2004

Bronze Medal – International Wine & Spirit Competition, London, 2004

Bronze Medal – Cairns Wine Show, 2004

Bronze Medal – NZ Liquorland Top 100, 2004