

# Elderton Barossa Command Single Vineyard Shiraz Vintage 2002

## THE WINE

100% Old Vine Barossa Valley Shiraz

**Colour:** Very dark purple with bright magenta hues.

**Nose:** Showing lovely ripe plum, chocolate, cedar and spices.

**Palate:** Deep, dense, richly complex and freakishly balanced, this is a very powerful red showing rich dark chocolate, plum, and a finish that is very smooth and long.

**Alcohol:** 14.5 % Alc/Vol

**Ageing:** Cellar up to 15 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, the 2000 was awarded 97 points by the same magazine and placed 27 in their top 100 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. 2002 was a dream year viticulturally, with mild summer temperatures being greeted with a very dry and mild Autumn, ensuring long hang times, great baume's and amazing natural acidity.*

## **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 long term cellaring potential.*

## **WINE ACCOLADES**

**94-96 Points** - Robert Parker 2005

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**93/100** - Wine Spectator May 2006

**Excellent Category** - Langtons 2005 Classification of Australian Wine, Gourmet Traveller

**★★★★ ½** Winestate Magazine, March / April 2006

**BLUE GOLD / TOP 100** - Sydney International Wine Competition 2006

**GOLD** - NZ International Wine Show 2005

**GOLD** - Mundus Vini (Weinwelt, Germany 2006)

**SILVER** - Melbourne Wine Show 2005