

Elderton Barossa Command Single Vineyard Shiraz Vintage 2003

THE WINE

100% Old Vine Barossa Valley Shiraz

- Colour:** Very dark purple with bright magenta hues.
- Nose:** Showing lovely seductive chocolate, violet and delicious oak characters.
- Palate:** Big, ripe and powerful, but ultimately seductive, offering velvety texture and rich plum, dark chocolate and pepper flavours that echo beautifully as the finish sails on and on.

Alcohol: 14.5 % Alc/Vol



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. 2003 was quite a tough year viticulturally, with hot, summer conditions giving way to unseasonal vintage rain in late February. The strength and resilience of these vines shines effortlessly though in the quality of what is in the bottle .

WINEMAKING

Use of open fermenters, with header down boards, for typically 5-6 days. 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 Points – Robert Parker 2006

Excellent Category – Langtons 2005 Classification of Australian Wine, Gourmet Traveller

GOLD – Brisbane Wine show 2004