

Elderton Barossa Shiraz Vintage 2001

THE WINE

100% Barossa Valley Shiraz

Colour: Amazingly intense dark magenta.

Nose: A lifted bouquet of violets, vanilla and white pepper, with spicy over tones.

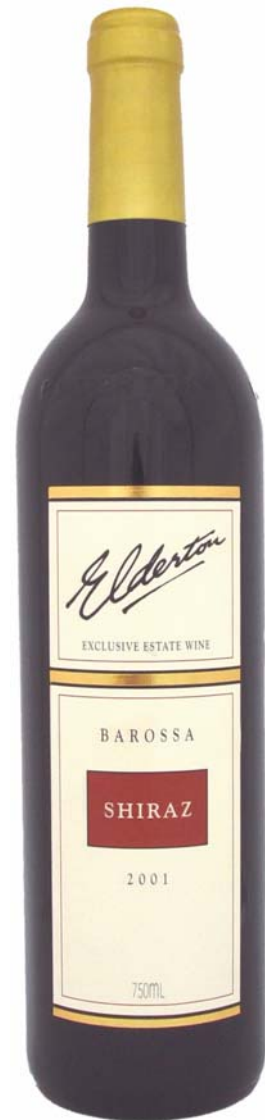
Palate: A complex, classic, concentrated Shiraz. Intense with rich sweet fruit, yet still very soft. Plum, chocolate and spice integrate well on the palate with a soft vanilla finish. Nice oak showing in this well balanced wine.

Alcohol: 14.0% Alc/Vol

Ageing: Enjoy now or 5-10 years

Food – A Perfect Match

Richly flavoured meats, game or mature cheddars.



HISTORY

The fruit for Elderton Shiraz is grown exclusively on the Elderton Vineyard situated on the banks of the North Para River, Nuriootpa, Barossa Valley, South Australia. Elderton was transformed from a vineyard supplying quality fruit to other wineries to a winery in its own right in 1982, and have since won much recognition for all of the wines, especially the Shiraz. Barossa Shiraz is now highly collectable worldwide, and the Elderton is always a benchmark for the region.

VITICULTURE

There are 12 blocks of shiraz on the Elderton Estate, some as old as 100 years, which grow in deep alluvial soils over limestone. Combined with a Mediterranean climate and minimal supplemented irrigation, this creates what one can only describe as 'the perfect Shiraz vineyard'. Mainly the grapes are machine harvested in the cool of the night, at an optimum maturity of about 14 – 14.5 Baume. This allows a quick delivery to the winery for crushing, before any spoilage can occur. Fantastic winter rains in 2001 combined with a hot and dry summer produced reds in the Barossa of outstanding character.

WINEMAKING

Destemming and inoculation with a selected yeast strain, followed by fermentation in stainless steel potter fermenters at 30°C for approximately 7 days. Maturation takes place in French and American oak puncheons for 16 months.

ACCOLADES

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Winestate Magazine March/ April 2003 – *Best in Class*

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1 Gold Medal- Cairns Wine show 2003

2 Silver Medals – Sydney Royal Wine Show, 2003. London International Wine Challenge, 2003.

1 Bronze Medal- International Wine & Spirit Competition 2003