

# Elderton

## Barossa Shiraz

### Vintage 2002

#### THE WINE

100% Barossa Valley Shiraz

- Colour:** Amazingly intense dark purple, almost black
- Nose:** Pepper and black fruits, touch of vanilla.
- Palate:** A 'full bodied Shiraz on steroids', huge in every direction, yet soft and long all the way. Rounded plum, chocolate and vanillin flavours throughout.

**Alcohol:** Alcohol: 15.0% 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 14–15 Baume. This allows a quick delivery to the winery for crushing, before any spoilage can occur. 2002 was a dream vintage for the Barossa, with a long, cool and dry ripening period allowing sublime conditions for the fruit to hang on the vine for 3 weeks longer than average.*

#### **WINEMAKING**

*Destemming and inoculation with a selected yeast strain, followed by fermentation in stainless steel potter fermenters at 28°C for approximately 7 days. Maturation takes place in French and American oak puncheons for 16 months.*

#### **ACCOLADES**

GOLD MEDAL- Mundus Vini (Weinwelt, Germany)

SILVER MEDAL- Sydney Wine Show 2003

BRONZE MEDAL- International Wine Challenge, 2004

BRONZE MEDAL – NZ Liquorland Top 100, 2004

★★★★★ 5 Stars- Vintage Direct, Feb 04

91 Points, Wine Spectator Magazine May 2004