

# Elderton

## Barossa Shiraz

### Vintage 2004

#### THE WINE

100% Barossa Valley Shiraz

**Colour:** Dark purple, bright magenta hues

**Nose:** Chocolate, vanilla, plums and cedar

**Palate:** Very long with amazing purity of fruit and showing a generosity of plum, chocolate, and blackberry flavours.

**Alcohol:** Alcohol: 14.5% Alc/Vol

**Ageing:** Enjoy now or 6-14 years from vintage

**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. The 2004 vintage has also been selected for business class service on Singapore airlines.*

#### **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. 2004 was again a dream vintage for Shiraz in the Barossa, with a wonderfully cool growing season allowing physiological ripeness to be as good as the heralded 2002 vintage.*

#### **WINEMAKING**

*De-stemming and inoculation with a selected yeast strain, followed by fermentation in stainless steel potter fermenters and concrete open top fermenters at 28°C for approximately 5-7 days. Maturation takes place in French and American oak puncheons for 12 months.*

#### **ACCOLADES**

**GOLD**, China International Wine & Spirit Challenge, 2006

**GOLD**, New Zealand Liquor Land Top 100, 2006

**90 Points** – Robert Parker 2006