

# Elderton Barossa Shiraz Vintage 2005

## THE WINE

100% Barossa Valley Shiraz

**Colour:** Dark purple, black

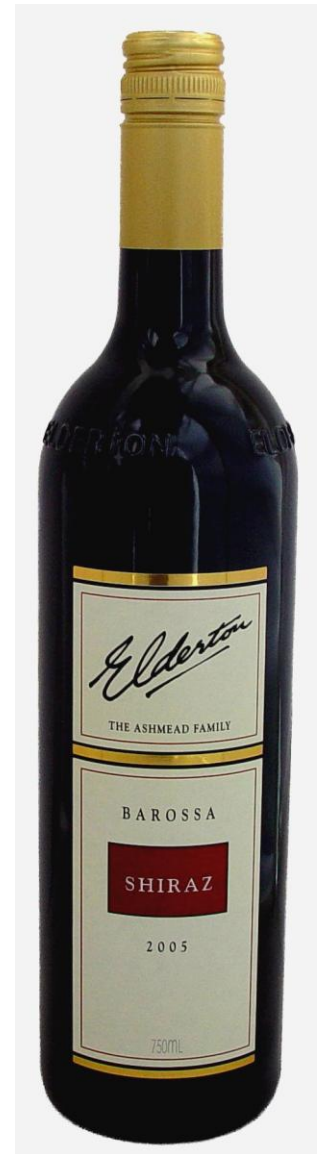
**Nose:** Chocolate, vanilla, plums and toasty oak.

**Palate:** Plum, chocolate, and blackberry flavours, with a meaty edge and fleshy, rounded mouth feel.

**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.*

## **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.*

*Vintage in 2005 occurred slightly later than usual, resulting in excellent quality fruit with higher Baume, good natural acid and superb flavour. The 2005 Estate wines, particularly the Shiraz, show great balance and potential for longevity.*

## **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**

London International Wine Challenge 2008  
Robert Parker "The Wine Advocate 2007"  
Winestate Magazine March/April 2008  
2006 Royal Melbourne Wine Show  
Winestate Magazine "Winestate Annual 08/09"  
(Best of SA)

**GOLD** Stephen Tanzer Sept/Oct 2007  
**94 POINTS** 2008 Sydney International Wine Show  
**★★★★1/2** Decanter World Wine Awards 2008  
**BRONZE** 2007 Barossa Wine Show  
**★★★★ 1/2**

**90 POINTS**  
Highly Commended  
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