

# Elderton Barossa Duke of Wellington Vintage Fortified Shiraz 2005

350ml

## THE WINE

100% Old Vine Barossa Valley Shiraz

**Colour:** Intense Inky purple

**Nose:** Lifted black cherry & cassis

**Palate:** Warm generous palate with fruit carrying through from the nose. The palate is balanced and finishes dry.

**Alcohol:** 19.5% Alc/Vol

**Ageing:** Cellar up to 25 years.



## **HISTORY**

*The history of the Barossa is steeped with fortified winemaking going back many decades. Unfortunately this style became unpopular and gradually they disappeared from the landscape of the Barossa. As our love for this type of wine has increased over the last couple of years, it was our decision to make a very small batch paying homage to this great, undervalued style (which probably the family, friends and staff will consume most of!!). It was an easy decision to name it the Duke of Wellington, as it was formerly the name of our tawny port made through the 1980's and also the nickname (duke) and name of Lorraine's late father (Wellington) – who originally found and bought the property in the late 1970's.*

## **VITICULTURE**

*Grown from selected Shiraz grapes on 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. Grapes were sourced from one of our favourite old vine blocks on the property "Block 18" which in the past have been used for special parcels for blending.*

## **WINEMAKING**

*Crushed into a two tonne fermenter and plunged by our Assistant Winemaker Courtney. The ferment was cold and slow to allow adequate extraction of colour & tannins. When at the desired Baume the ferment was pressed and fortified at 2pm after Courtney had watched hourly all night.*

## **WINE ACCOLADES**

*Impressed all at Elderton wines.*