



2008 GREENOCK ZINFANDEL

History

The Ashmead family purchased the existing Elderton Estate vineyard in 1979, and first released wines under the Elderton label in 1982. We are very proud of our estate vineyard, which has plantings going back to 1904, as well as our history of success in the Barossa. Our intention is to always make wines that show varietal definition, regional character and of course a slice of our personality as well, which we feel we have achieved with this wine. This wine is grown away from the Elderton Estate, in the renowned Greenock sub-region of the Barossa.

Vineyard Information

There are two vineyards of interest for Elderton wines Zinfandel. One is on a hard rocky outcrop on the edge of the Sturt highway near Greenock, where yields average 1.2- 1.5 tonnes per acre. The difficult conditions, along with judicious crop management, have produced excellent varietal characters. The second vineyard is in Eden Valley where the cool nights of the allow for more elegant characters and fine tannins to add complexity to the final blend.

Winemaker's Comments

"2008 was a challenging vintage in the Barossa. Drought conditions and heat waves minimised harvest levels, however those who managed canopy and vine balance were rewarded with small quantities of ripe, powerful fruit. The Zinfandel was harvested late in the morning after the fog lifted and the dew had dried. Matured in a blend of French oak puncheons for about 10 months, this wine offers the classic Zinfandel aromatic nose, with integrated fruit flavours of balance, length and importantly for this variety, delicacy."

- Richard Langford



Style	Medium-Full bodied, rich, voluptuous
Colour	Medium red to dark purple
Aroma	Ripe raspberry, morello cherry
Flavour	Raspberry, cinnamon and spicy fruitcake



Vintage Details

Vintage year	2008
Region	Barossa Valley
Variety	100% Zinfandel
Oak Maturation	10 months in aged French oak puncheons (500 litre barrels)
Alc/Vol	14.5%
TA	6.9 g/L
pH	3.22