

*Elderton*



## ELITE RANGE

### 2012 Command

#### History

The Elderton Command Shiraz has established an enviable reputation since the first vintage in 1984. The 2012 is the twenty sixth release of this iconic wine.

It is truly one of Australia's best and most highly regarded Icon wines. Accolades have come from the world over for vintages such as the 1992, which was chosen by the influential wine critic Robert Parker in his U.S. magazine the *Wine Advocate* as one of the world's Top 80 wines. The 1995 Command was awarded 95 points by *Wine Spectator* and placed in their Top 100 wines; the 2000 was awarded 97 points by the same magazine and placed 27 in their Top 100. The 1996 Command won the trophy for the best Shiraz in the world at the London International Wine and Spirit Competition.

The second generation of Ashmead family, and Elderton Co-Managing Directors, Allister and Cameron, as the current custodians of a rare piece of Barossa Valley viticultural heritage, continue their parents' aspirations and expectations to produce a great wine of the world. The Command is truly an expression of place, and one of which the family intends to preserve for generations to come.

#### Single Vineyard Information

Variety	Shiraz
Clone	Unknown, own roots
Age	Planted 1894, classed as a centenarian block by the Barossa Old Vine Charter
Soil	Deep alluvial silt over red and brown earths and limestone
Rainfall	Long term average - 478.3 mm      2011/12 season - 500.5 mm
Spacing	Vine spacing 1.5m, Row Width 3m East to West Row Direction
Yield	1-2 tonnes per hectare

#### Winemaker's Comments

*The fruit was harvested by hand, with five small parcels harvested over five weeks to attain complex nuances. Fermented in open top concrete fermenters with chilled ferments, hand pump-overs and cap submerging with oak header boards for eight days; the process finished with barrel ferment and malolactic fermentation in new French & American puncheons. Aromas of blackberry fruit, aniseed and spices carry through to the palate which is rich, warm and generous.*

- Richard Langford



#### Vintage Details

Vintage	2012
Region	Barossa
Variety	Shiraz
Maturation	30 months in American and French oak
Alc/Vol	14.5%
TA	6.7 g/L
pH	3.53