

# NEWS AND REVIEWS

## 2016 BAROSSA WINE SHOW BEST SWEET WINE, CLASS 7

2015 Elderton Golden Semillon

High quality, affordable and consistently reliable we believe the 2015 Golden Semillon is a very worthy winner of the 'Best of Class' Sweet Wine Award at the recent Barossa Wine Show and it definitely deserves to be looked at.

## ELDERTON BLOG

Make sure you have a read of our 'Elderton Blog' and thoughts on ever talked about screwcap vs cork topic...

## JUST WHEN WE THOUGHT WINTER WAS OVER...

Whilst I am aware I have posted about the 'rain' more than once this winter it has to be shared that the recent spring flooding has taken it to the next level. Fortunately no damage has been done to Elderton vines, buildings or staff and it certainly is a sight to see the North Para gushing past Cellar Door and our vineyards.

## NEW VINTAGE RELEASE

### THE NOW SOLD OUT 2014 NEIL ASHMEAD GRAND TOURER SHIRAZ

Although this wine was "now you see it now you don't" and can no longer be ordered from us we wanted to let you know that whilst the next vintage, 2015, will not be available until January 2017 it will be in new refreshed packaging and thankfully, we have a little more of it to share around.



# Elderton

# EXPOSURE

## OCTOBER 2016

## WINE OF THE MONTH



### 2012 Command Shiraz

The Elderton Command Shiraz has established an enviable reputation since the first vintage in 1984. The 2012 is the twenty sixth release and truly is 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.

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

"Sourced from 120-year-old vines, the medium garnet-colored 2012 Command Shiraz sports a very expressive nose replete with dried mulberries, potpourri, dusty earth, Chinese five spice and Szechuan pepper. Big and bold but not at all heavy, this soon-to-be-bottled Shiraz is drinking beautifully, offering tons of fruit with a very spicy and earthy character and firm, velvety tannins. It finishes long."

95 - 97+ points, Wine Advocate Issue #219, June 2015

"From a vineyard planted in 1894, picked in five small parcels over 4 weeks; part fermented in open fermenters, part concluding its fermentation in new American and French puncheons. Command indeed; elegant, but brooking no argument, the X-factor of the fruit at once obvious, yet undefinable; certain it is that its balance and depth are beyond approach, the oak and tan-nins seamlessly stitched through the fruit and length of the palate."

97 points, Halliday's Wine Companion 2016

"Restrained and elegant, with polished plum, blueberry and violet notes, accented by wild raspberry, anise and toffee. The elements all come together with refined, supple tannins and a long, persistent finish. Drink now through 2030."

93 points, Wine Spectator 2016



## STOCK UPDATES

2014 High Altitude Cabernet Sauvignon - SOLD OUT

2014 High Altitude Shiraz - SOLD OUT

2013 Neil Ashmead GTS - SOLD OUT

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2014 Barossa GSM - NOW AVAILABLE

2015 E Series Unoaked Chardonnay - Last socks

2013 Ode to Lorraine - Last stocks

2013 Barossa Shiraz - Running low

2013 Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon - Running low

2014 Barossa Merlot - Running low

## WORTH A GIGGLE???

