

OUR WINES

We are excited to be releasing the 2019 Helbig 1915 Shiraz and 2021 Barossa Semillon in this edition of the Buzz. This is alongside recent new vintage releases that we've shared by email or in Cellar Door including the 2020 Eden Valley Chardonnay and 2020 Bullet Shiraz.

And as we've mentioned previously, both the 2019 and 2020 vintages were about 60 – 70% down in average yields. If you are interested in our 2019 and 2020 wines, please stock your cellar as the wines are released so that you do not miss out. If you have questions about our wines, please contact our Cellar Door team.

ELITE SINGLE VINEYARDS

2017 COMMAND SHIRAZ

Command is truly an expression of place, and we are proud to be the current custodians of a rare piece of Barossa Valley viticultural heritage. Single vineyard, planted 1894, the Command block is celebrating 127 years in 2021, and is considered an Ancestor vineyard by the Barossa Old Vine Charter.

This does command respect thanks to the fruit coming off 123yo vines and the care with it from that moment right through to the winemaking. It is powerful and divine. Lush with the dark fruit coated with chocolate, pepper and coffee. The palate feels all velvety with the tannins neatly placed, the oak integrated and with a glass in hand, a sense that all's well with the world.

96 points, Halliday Wine Companion

...this wine has nailed it with a slightly less overt and more restrained style than previous vintages, although still within the established style of Command... The wine has been crafted into such a seamless and smoothly textured wine...

96 points, Ray Jordan on winepilot.com

2017 ASHMEAD CABERNET SAUVIGNON *MUSEUM RELEASE*

In 1997 the family sat down to discuss the viability of a 1944 Cabernet block - its saving grace was simply the pure brilliance of the fruit. It was, and is, always the standout Cabernet block on our Nuriootpa property. With no 2018 vintage made, we hope you enjoy this museum release.

Full-bodied, rich and opulent...

95 points, Halliday Wine Companion 2020



2019 HELBIG 1915 SHIRAZ *NEW VINTAGE*

Only 886 bottles have been produced, from the 1915 Shiraz block at our Greenock vineyard. Magnums and 6L also available.

...very rich dark-plum, blackberry, currant, chocolate and black-fruit aromas, as well as freshly turned dark earth, dark, sweet spices and graphite. The palate has impressive depth with such velvety texture and really rich black-fruit flavors that are so long and dusted with cocoa powder throughout. Speaks to this powerful, dark-fruited section of the Barossa. Drink over the next decade or more.

96 points, Nick Stock on JamesSuckling.com

EXCEPTIONAL SITES

2020 ASHMEAD FAMILY RESERVE FIELD BLEND

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Every now and then we have an opportunity to make something truly exceptional, that sits outside of the normal expectations of a style we make.

Lovely brightness and life in the glass. The aromas are of dark cherries, blueberries, pot-pourri, spice and cedar, there's a real attractiveness and seductiveness on the nose... The palate has liveliness and vigour and there is a lovely purity and drive to the fruit flavour.

95 points, Aaron Brasher, The Real Review

2018 ODE TO LORRAINE (CABERNET, SHIRAZ, MERLOT)

Named in honour of Lorraine Ashmead, co-founder of Elderton, the winemaking team at Elderton believe this is truly the hidden gem of our premium reds and one we know cellars brilliantly.

It has a delicious sweet plummy blackcurrant fruit intensity... It's very long in the mouth with a delicious, sweet fruit character. Sinewy tannins thread through the ripe fruit, leading into a dry, focussed finish. This is one of the best yet under this label.

95 points, Ray Jordan on winepilot.com

It has a rich and complex tapestry of aromas and flavours, bringing warm spices and chocolate/mocha notes into play alongside black fruits and firm tannins.

94 points, James Halliday, The Weekend Australian Magazine

2018 NEIL ASHMEAD GRAND TOURER SHIRAZ

A tribute to an amazing individual who was always willing to push the boundaries of expectations.

The Barossa stamp is firm and clear. Chocolate and smoke, soured black plums. Char-grilled meat flavours and all manner of spices. It's rich and full-bodied...

93 points, Halliday Wine Companion

This has aromas of currants, blackberries, spiced bread, orange peel, red plums and espresso. The palate delivers blueberries, laced with espresso and velvety tannins. The texture is very supple and smooth, building into a creamy and fleshy presence at the finish.

93 points, Nick Stock, JamesSuckling.com

2019 WESTERN RIDGE GRENACHE CARIGNAN

There is something about this blend. It makes you sit up, take notice and relish the flavours and lightness of touch. And yet, there's laser precision to the acidity, the grainy tannins in tow, the gorgeous red fruit and spice flavours. It's the Barossa without the boom. Lovely wine.

95 points, Halliday Wine Companion

ESTATE FAMILY VINEYARDS

2018 BAROSSA SHIRAZ

The winemaking approach has been all about preserving the fruit vibrancy and allowing it to express all that is appealing about the Barossa in a good year. It's a bright and brilliant wine with real palate energy.

94 points, Ray Jordan on winepilot.com

2019 BAROSSA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The palate has a fresh, elegantly delivered tannin structure with blueberry and cassis flavors and some pastry-like layering at the finish.

91 points, Nick Stock, JamesSuckling.com

2019 BAROSSA MERLOT

...a very impressive wine... all the plushness you'd expect on the palate, but also structure...

Wine of the Week, Winsor Dobbin



2020 BULLET SHIRAZ *NEW VINTAGE* *CELLAR DOOR & MAILING LIST ONLY*

Having suffered through a small vintage in 2019, and with early forecasting suggesting 2020 was going to be similar, the Elderton team used our local network to source grapes for this label which is exclusive to you, our Commanders and Eldertonians, who are remarkable supporters of the Ashmead family.

2021 EDEN VALLEYRIESLING

Super fresh lemon and quartzy, flinty elements from this great vintage. So vividly fresh and floral with flavors in the realm of lemon and white peach. Bright, balanced acidity. Still taut with natural acidity, this is an each-way bet. Drink now or hold.

93 points, Nick Stock, JamesSuckling.com

2020 EDEN VALLEY CHARDONNAY

This has vivid peach and lemon aromas with nicely framed, cedar oak adding hazelnut and spice. Lemon peel, too. The palate is smoothly fleshy with a gently creamy peach and lemon core. Smooth, even and so juicy with a fresh lemon and hazelnut-flavored finish.

90 points, Nick Stock, JamesSuckling.com

2021 BAROSSA SEMILLON *NEW VINTAGE* *CELLAR DOOR & MAILING LIST ONLY*

This is our third release of dry Semillon, from our Greenock vineyard. The 2021 Barossa Semillon is rich, textural and expressive. A supple and generous palate with creamy weight intertwined with notes of lemon curd, grassy tones and a generous yet vibrant finish.

2020 GOLDEN SEMILLON

A bold, lemon and honey nose with poached-pear, peach and lifted lemon-marmalade notes, as well as bergamot. The acidity holds rich, sweet lime-marmalade flavors in fresh mode.

91 points, Nick Stock, JamesSuckling.com

DUKE OF WELLINGTON CELLAR TAWNY *CELLAR DOOR & MAILING LIST ONLY*

Special Release Duke of Wellington was the name of our tawny port made through the 1980s and we have revived the name for this wine. It is a tribute to Lorraine's late father (named Wellington, nicknamed Duke) who originally found and bought the Nuriootpa property in the late 1970s.