

A VINTAGE TO CELEBRATE: 2018 COMMAND

The 2018 Command Shiraz is finally available, and it is not to be missed!

As a vintage, the 2018 growing season started off well, with winter rainfall around 10% higher than average. However, spring rainfall was down by about a quarter and December was about half of the Barossa average.

These weather conditions allowed canopies in the vineyard to grow quickly and healthily, which in turn helped flowering and the resultant bunches were ideal.

January and February remained warm and dry, but the icing on the cake was the Indian summer of March and early April, without extremes nor rainfall, and was perfect for finishing off a very fine vintage.

In the winery, the fact that the vintage was long meant that absolute attention to detail could be afforded to every parcel of wine.

The Command looked sensational in ferment, with unbelievable colours and flavours putting a smile on the faces of the whole winemaking team.

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After maturing in new American and French oak puncheons, the wine remained in barrel for almost 3 years, and was bottled in early 2021.

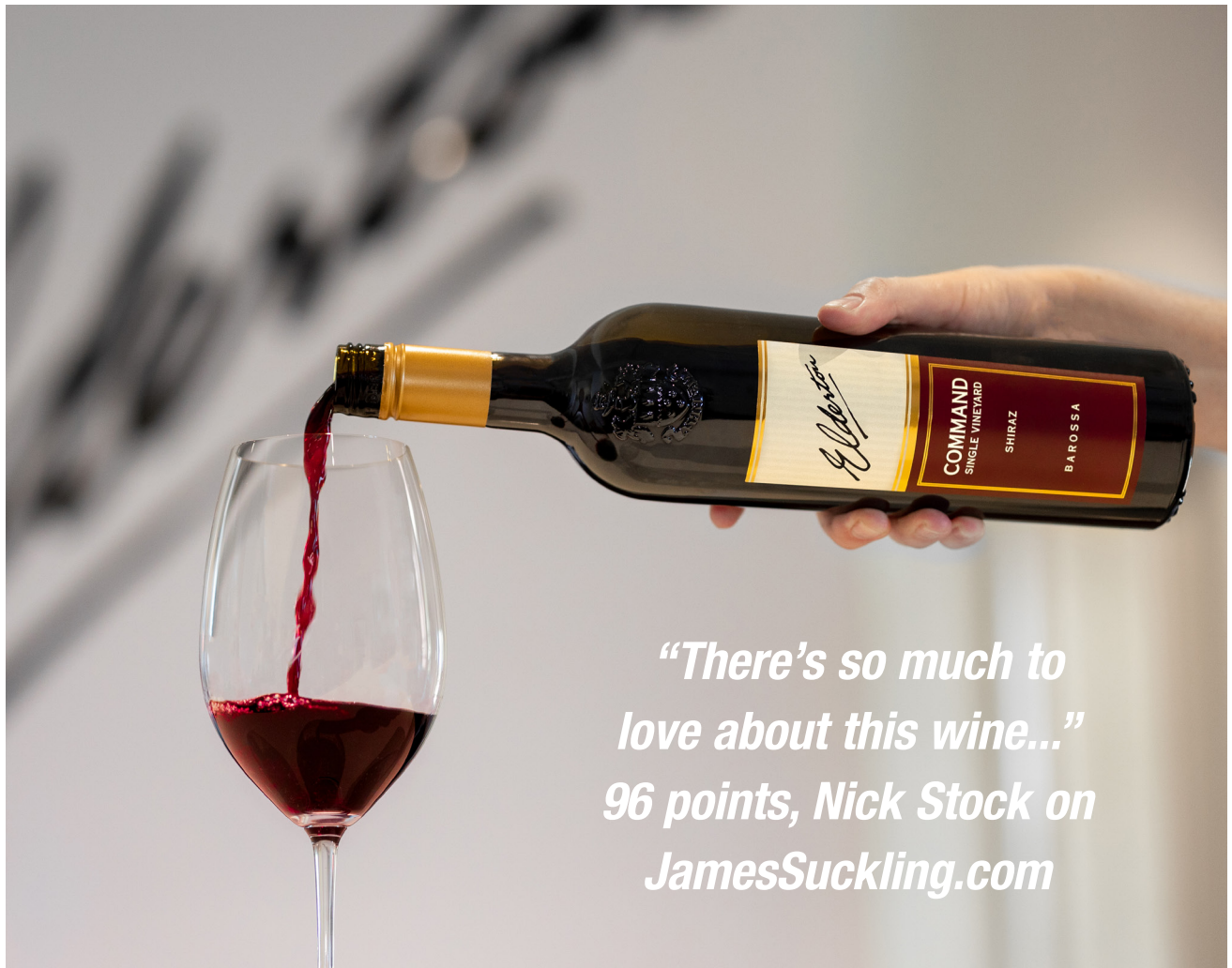
This is a wine that screams big and beautiful Barossa Shiraz. Not a shrinking violet, this is a wine that commands attention and respect.

With 96 points from the Wine Advocate, James Suckling and Decanter (winning Gold in their wine show) and 95 from James Halliday (in a year where editor Tyson Stelzer was largely unkind to many Barossa producers) it is evident that this is a wine that has impressed the most discerning of palates.

“The 1894 planted Command Shiraz vineyard is really something that is just so special,” commented Jules Ashmead, our Head of Production.

“It simply knows what you want it to do and gets on with doing it outstandingly. It really does deserve its mantle as one of the great vineyards of Australia.”

With very small vintages of Command coming in 2019 (due to frost) and 2020 (due to high winds and extreme heat during flowering), we very much recommend you to put the 2018 Command in the cellar for future drinking greatness.



“There’s so much to love about this wine...”
96 points, Nick Stock on JamesSuckling.com