

*G. Alderton*

# HELBIG 1915

## 2020 SHIRAZ

A single vineyard selection of truly remarkable Shiraz that was planted by the Helbig family in 1915. This vineyard is located on the western ridge of the famous Barossa Valley and has been a highly sought after parcel for many of the Barossa's leading winemakers. Luckily for the Ashmead family, we were able to acquire this vineyard in 2010, forever ending the race to get this amazing fruit.

### DETAILS

Vineyard	Greenock, single vineyard block planted in 1915, sandy loam soil
Harvest date	11 March 2020
Production	537 bottles
Style	Rich and stylish
Colour	Dense, dark purple
Aroma	Blackberry and spiced plum with a touch of vanilla bean
Palate	Vibrant berry fruits with a subtle hint of dark chocolate. Velvety and seamless length, with firm but very long tannins to balance, and a purity of fruit that shines through to the finish.
Alc/vol	15.2%
Cellaring	15+ years from vintage, given good cellaring conditions

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

A relatively dry spring and a tricky time during flowering paved the way for a super tiny yield from our 1915 Shiraz in 2020. We fermented the fruit in new French oak puncheons, turned on their end with a head popped out. This led to a new method for our Helbig fermentation, allowing early integration of spicy French oak. After 2 weeks on skins the wine was pressed into new French oak where it remained for 15 months. The resultant wine oozes the dark fruit power we expect from these old vines with a seamless transition into velvety long tannins on the finish.

- Jules Ashmead & Brock Harrison

