



2019 Command Shiraz

History

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.

The Elderton Command Shiraz has established an enviable reputation since the first vintage in 1984. It is often regarded as one of Australia's best and most highly acclaimed wines. Accolades have come from writers and competitions around the world. The 1996 Command won the trophy for the Best Shiraz in the World at the London International Wine and Spirit Competition.

Vineyard Information

Estate grown on the Nuriootpa vineyard, the fruit is sourced from a single block planted in 1894, classed as an Ancestor vineyard by the Barossa Old Vine Charter.

Vineyard Source 100% Estate grown, Nuriootpa

Vine Age 125 years

Picking date 13 - 18 March 2019

Winemakers' Comments

Whilst we love the position of our Command vineyard, and the immense power and backbone that this site gives us, we are also prone to frost when the right conditions set in. Spring 2018 delivered one of those frosts which severely damaged a large percentage of new shoots. Fortunately, fine conditions followed this event and we were able to ripen a much smaller crop load from our old vines.

In 2019 we harvested the Command fruit over a week from 13 - 18 March. Spanning from the North Para River on the western side of our Command vineyard to Cellar Door at the eastern end, we see a gradual increase in clay content which corresponds with a decrease in vigour over the vineyard. For this reason we harvest the Command fruit in several picks, aiming to achieve the perfect balance in each pick.

We used a combination of heading boards and standard open fermentation combined with a small amount of barrel ferment to create the 2019 Command. Post-pressing the Command was transferred to a combination of new French and American oak from coopers we know and trust. The wine went through malolactic fermentation and further ageing, allowing the powerful fruit to come together with the tannin profile present in the fruit and oak.

- Jules Ashmead & Brock Harrison

Style	Bold, structured, rich, powerful and elegant
Colour	Deep crimson
Aroma	Lifted spiced plum with hints of roasted coffee bean
Palate	Spiced summer pudding brooding with cloves and an undertone of graphite. Silken layers of tannin carry the fruit to a long and seamless finish.
Oak	30 months in new French and American oak puncheons
Cellaring	Drink now or cellar confidently for 15 - 20 years from vintage
Alc/vol	14.9%

