



SPECIAL RELEASE

2021 Ashmead Family Reserve Ancestor Vine Shiraz

History

Elderton has a long standing and proud history of making world class Shiraz. It brings our family much pleasure to release this celebratory wine from our 40th vintage.

This parcel of fruit, from our oldest vines, is generally blended back into our estate range Barossa Shiraz. However, with harvest conditions considered perfect in 2021, it was deemed this parcel (which is ever so close in quality to Command Shiraz) was the perfect way to mark the occasion of our 40th vintage.

Vineyard Information

Our Nuriootpa vineyard, alongside the North Para River in alluvial river silt over brown and red clay, is home to some of the Barossa's oldest and most treasured vines. Planted 1894, this Shiraz knows how to cope with seasonal variation. It consistently produces outstanding quality fruit in a style unique to this vineyard, with a depth of tannin and power to the palate.

Vineyard Source 100% Estate grown, Nuriootpa

Vine Age 127 years

Picking date 24 - 30 March 2021

Winemakers' Comments

This release, the second under the Ashmead Family Reserve title, is a ripping expression of the power of fruit our beautiful Ancestor vines produce here in Nuriootpa. From a dream vintage, this parcel of fruit was just simply too good not to feature in its own wine.

Hand-picked, the destemmed fruit spent 10 days on skins in a wax-lined concrete open fermenter, before pressing to oak for malolactic fermentation and then barrel maturation for 18 months in 100% new American oak puncheons. This wine is the result of meticulous barrel selection to ensure the final blend has power of flavour coupled with the right balance to create this special release.

- Jules Ashmead & Brock Harrison

Style Bold, flavoursome and delicious

Colour Intense purple

Aroma Plums, spice and toasty vanilla bean

Palate Juicy red fruits with a creamy backbone and long depth of fruit laced with tannin to finish

Oak American all the way!

Cellaring Whilst delicious in youth, the balance in this wine assures it is worthy of bottle maturation as desired

Alc/vol 14.9%