

Elderton

BAROSSA

2020 COMMAND SINGLE VINEYARD SHIRAZ

The Elderton Command Shiraz is truly one of Australia's best and most highly regarded icon wines, sourced from a single vineyard planted over 125 years ago, in 1894. This wine has established an enviable reputation since the first vintage in 1984. The Command is truly an expression of place, and one of which the family intends to preserve for generations to come.

Allister Ashmead notes, "This vineyard sits on great dirt and just knows how to produce fruit at the highest level. The Command Shiraz is certainly a wine that the Ashmead family is immensely proud of."

Of the 2020 vintage, winemaker Jules Ashmead commented, "Our Command from 2020 is a wine to savour. Whilst we could say that about every Command, in 2020 we had a tiny harvest, after tricky weather at flowering. With such small volumes, the 2020 Command is a story about intense concentration and depth of flavour."



98 POINTS - RAY JORDAN, WINEPILOT

The style is immediately Barossa and immediately Elderton. It is bold with the structure to support the power and intensity of the fruit. The classic combination of dark plum and clove with a decent hit of roasted coffee beans emerges immediately. The tannins are firm but finely placed contributing to a wine of elegance and balance. The wine gets 24 months in a mix of new French and American oak, yet such is their balance it doesn't show as excessively oaky. Super wine for the cellar.

96 POINTS - ANDREW CAILLARD MW, THE VINTAGE JOURNAL

The 2020 Command Shiraz is a beautifully made wine and highlights the warmth, generosity and vigour of top-notch Barossa Shiraz. With its glossy deep crimson colour, ripe dark cherry, dark chocolate aromas and flavours, velvety firm tannins and underlying new oak, it captures the essence of an exceptional yet small yielding vintage. The acidity is linear and fresh giving the wine attractive mineral-length. The wine has plenty of aging potential and will probably go along similar lines as the spectacular 1998 Command Shiraz which has now developed a lovely patina of age without losing its shine, richness and volume.

96 POINTS - DAVE BROOKES, HALLIDAY WINE COMPANION

Elderton's iconic Command Shiraz is sourced from an 1894-planted block of ancestor vines on its Nuriootpa estate; matured for an extended period in new French and American oak puncheons. Full bodied, rich and commanding, as the name suggests, with thick-shouldered blackberry and plum fruits cut with baking spices, licorice, dark chocolate, earth and punchy cedar tones. Weighty and opulent with thick, gypsum-like tannin support, plenty of Barossa horsepower and a finish that trails off persistently with flavours of ripe berries, spice and cedar.

95 POINTS - ANGUS HUGHSON, VINOUS

From a vineyard planted in 1894, this beautifully composed Barossan 2020 Shiraz Command offers a tempting array of aromas, including roasted meats, soy sauce, fennel seed and a hearty core of new oak, all well-balanced. Dry and firm, it is shapely thanks to layers of fleshy sweet fruits, with a firm, tannic backbone accented by aged meat and wood smoke. This is a keeper and built for the cellar.