

G Alderton

HELBIG 1915

2022 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	22 March 2022
Production	1414 bottles
Style	Bold and stylish
Colour	Dark purple
Aroma	Vibrant red fruits with spicy oak overtones
Palate	A delicious whack of plums and spiced red berries. Notes of dark chocolate on the back palate and that ever present tannin to underpin the fruit power on the finish.
Alc/vol	15.8%
Cellaring	15+ years from vintage, given good cellaring conditions

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Our Helbig Shiraz is dry grown and with the well-established root system, the stunning old vines are not fussed, even with short, hot bursts in weather. The 2022 ripening season rolled in after a lucky escape from close-by hail events. Very mild summer conditions allowed for steady flavour development on the vine and a seamless wine is the result.

We held the pressed wine on lees until post malolactic fermentation, then racked to preserve fruit freshness and to balance the bold tannin structure of the wine.

Our 2022 wines have been shy in early months, taking time to release their power and depth of flavour. Maybe, as they are such complex wines, they have needed time to release their true characteristics! We have watched this wine develop and mature in oak, and we are excited to finally release it.

We have no doubt this wine will delight those who try it. With a breadth of fresh fruit on the palate look out for the very serious finish to back it up!

- Jules Ashmead & Brock Harrison

