

2021 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 127 years

Picking date 17 - 30 March 2021

Winemakers' Comments

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 over several picks, aiming to achieve the perfect balance in each pick.

We ferment these parcels separately in open cement vats for 7-14 days and the wines go straight to oak where they undergo malolactic fermentation and further maturation before carefully selecting which barrels will make the final blend.

- Jules Ashmead & Brock Harrison

Style Bold, structured, rich, powerful and elegant

Colour Deep crimson

Aroma Vibrant red fruit with hints of spicy oak

Palate A tightrope of red fruits balanced with vibrant wooded spices and the richness of nuanced dark chocolate. The tannin profile which is so typical of our Command is subtle yet long, there's a depth of tannin which speaks to our old vines nestled here in Nuriootpa.

Oak 24 months in new French and American oak puncheons

Cellaring Drink now or cellar confidently for 15 - 20 years from vintage

Alc/vol 14.9%

