

RUSTICA

2012 | SHIRAZ



VINTAGE | Ideal weather conditions were experienced in the lead up to the 2012 vintage. There was a cool start to the season, which led to healthy canopy growth and good flavour development. Warmer weather followed in late January which led to low yields of beautifully ripened fruit with intense flavour. 2012 wines, particularly Barossa Valley Shiraz, are hence incredibly popular and this vintage will go down in history as one of those “standouts” to remember. The pristine fruit enabled great depths of colour, flavour and tannin, all of which are evident in this wine.

WINEMAKING | Following harvesting, this parcel of fruit was individually fermented in a small open fermenters to enable maximum colour, flavour and tannin extraction from the skins into the finished wine. This was achieved by pumping over up to three times over a 24 hour period in the peak of fermentation.

On completion of the fermentation the wine was pressed gently from its skins and maturation of the wine was then carried out in a selection of French and American oak barrels, for a period of 18-months, in a temperature controlled cellar. These barrels are chosen to compliment and nurture the fruit flavors of the wine rather than over power it.

The final blend is an exemplary example of a lifted, fruit filled Barossa Shiraz suitable for drinking while youthful.

COLOUR | Intense crimson red with purple hues

NOSE | Aromas of ripe cherry and red plum are complimented by hints of pepper and spice with lifted perfumed notes.

PALATE | The palate is warm and full flavoured, displaying generous sweet red fruits, such as cherry, raspberry and plum. These fruits are coupled with cedar spice notes and the soft mouth-filling tannins carry the fruit as well as providing structure and length to the wine.

ANALYSIS | Alcohol - 14.5% | pH - 3.59 | Acid - 6.4

CELLARING | This is a wine that is designed to be lifted and fruit driven - making it ideal to consume while young. Some cellaring may suit your taste and will produce a more chocolatey, savoury wine with time.



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