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2022 GIBSON RESERVE BAROSSA SHIRAZ

STORY

Reserve Shiraz is the result of up to 20 individual Shiraz parcel components, which we assess out of barrel for qualities that show particular finesse and structure - the precursors to age-ability. We don't limit this expression to individual vineyards, but rather build in many layers of complexity through fruit sourced from various sites of the Barossa.

One and two tonne open-topped fermenters are used along with other detail-orientated small batch winemaking methods, including hand plunging and basket pressing. The Reserve Shiraz style is led by French oak finesse, with both puncheon and hogshead formats used.

The result is a wine of deep crimson colour, a fine expression of Barossa Shiraz with an enticing bouquet of black fruits, hints of blueberry and delicate violets. The palate shows concentrated flavours of blackcurrant, dark chocolate & spice.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2022 growing season featured above average winter rains followed by a perfectly mild, fine, dry harvest period. Temperatures were milder than average with few hot days. Ripening was slow, enabling good retention of fine varietal flavours.

TASTING NOTES

Colour: Deep crimson with a purple hue.

Aroma: An enticing bouquet of blackberries & bloom plums with underlying notes of cinnamon and nutmeg creating a warm, inviting aroma.

Palate: The palate is immediately seductive, showcasing flavours of blackcurrant and blueberry. Dark chocolate and spice round out the profile, delivering a rich layered experience. The wine finishes with long, fine, velvety tannins, leaving a lingering impression.

TECHNICAL

Varietal composition: 100% Shiraz

Region/s: Barossa

Maturation type: 18 months in new and matured French oak Hogsheads and Puncheons.

Alc/Vol: 14.5%

TA: 6.27 g/L

pH: 3.56