



2022 GIBSON 'THE SMITHY' SHIRAZ CABERNET

STORY

A tin-roofed, mud and straw-walled cottage sits at the centre of Gibson's home property in Light Pass. It was the original home of the local Blacksmith and his family, thought to date to the 1850s. An artefact of the Barossa's early European settlers, we know it simply as 'The Smithy'.

This wine, like The Smithy cottage itself, is full of character and unassuming charm. The quintessential Australian blend of Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon comes together seamlessly. Lifted, blue and red forest fruit characters and violets meet a 'deep growl' from complex blackberry, boysenberry, crushed herbs, and cocoa.

VINTAGE NOTES

Early temperatures in October and November were below average giving slow development. Cool dry ripening conditions later combined with low yields led to good varietal expression in both Eden Valley and Barossa Valley. The tendency was for slightly lower alcohol wines and that show great balance and purity of fruit.

TASTING NOTES

Colour: Deep crimson with violet hue

Aroma: Lifted aromas of violets, blackcurrants, and blueberry fruits, come together with nuances of dark baking spice and hints of sage.

Palate: The palate shows beautiful freshness with layers of blackcurrant and boysenberry fruit intertwined with hints of choc mint and blood plums. The finish is focussed and dark, finishing with long and rolling grainy tannin.

TECHNICAL

Varietal composition: 55% Shiraz, 45% Cabernet

Region/s: Barossa

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

Alc/Vol: 14.3%

TA: 6.09 g/L

pH: 3.2