



Old river red

Shiraz 2013



GOLD MEDAL
2015 Small Vignerons Awards

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"Deeply coloured, and densely packed with black fruits in a vinous comfort rug of warm vanillin oak. Lots to like in its genre." James Halliday

As the flagship wine of the Barossa, the variety of Shiraz brings high expectations in the region. With multiple gold medal wins and a passionate customer following, Fernfield delivers a premium example of fruit forward Eden Valley Shiraz. The 2013 vintage maintains our tradition of bold, fruit driven Shiraz with a deeply coloured, rich wine giving aromas of red berries and a complex palate including plum and blackberries.

Behind The Label

We love the majestic old river red gums nestled throughout our Eden Valley estate, and the great hollowed out gum depicted on the label is our favourite. This magnificent timeworn tree has witnessed hundreds of years of history and provided accommodation for both native fauna and long-distant families alike.

Earth and Vine

The grapes were grown in a single vineyard within our hidden little valley north of the winery. The particular site is nestled on a slightly sloping vineyard rooted in some of the oldest soils in South Australia featuring a shallow slate, providing ideal drainage. Breezes flow through the valley along our little creek that feed into the Marne River ensuring good airflow undervine.

The 2013 vintage was dry, with almost no rain in spring or summer, which reduced yields and brought vintage forward. While the season was dry, temperatures were moderate, and with no heatwaves and low yields, the fruit quality was excellent.

From Vine to Wine

The grapes were hand-picked before gentle crushing and destemming and transfer to an open top fermenter. The wine was fermented on-skins for seven days before pressing. The wine was then aged for 20 months in a combination of French and American oak, with one third new American oak for the last six months.

Batch Size: 130 cases

Analysis: Alc: 14.4 %, pH: 3.45, TA: 6.81 g/L

The Senses

Our Shiraz is a deep, rich crimson colour with an intensely rewarding aroma of red berries and spices that hits your senses before lifting the glass to your nose. Aged for 20 months in both new and aged French and American oak provided complexity to the wine, delivering an opulent palate of plum and blackberries with nuances of cedar.

Cellaring

This Shiraz will develop and mature with careful cellaring to 2029.



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