

FOUNDER'S VIEW

Variety: Shiraz

Vintage: 2023

Region: Barossa, South Australia

Alcohol: 14.5%

The Founder's View range brings in the best of our grower fruit into these blends allowing flexibility in finding that ultimate blend. They are trusted partnerships with growers who we have worked with for years. We take grapes sourced from a range of vineyards, to enable us to build layers into the wine aiming for complex and complete wines. Chief winemaker Tim Heath, crafts harmonious balance, drawing on each of the sites unique characters.

Vineyard

The grapes are picked from select vineyards within several sub-regions of the Barossa - picked earlier to capture freshness. We draw on the best fruit to ensure concentration and richness and to allow true expression of the Barossa region and variety.

Winemaking

Carefully selected parcels of ripe fruit were fermented in small format stainless steel tanks, and then aged in a combination of new and seasoned French and American oak barrels for 12 months, and then blended together to create a Shiraz of balance and opulence.

Colour

Deep inky red, with purple hue.

Nose

Intense plum, red and dark berry fruit aromas are supported by cinnamon and nutmeg spice notes from carefully selected oak

Palate

Rich and full bodied on the palate, plum and dark cherry fruit with integrated, subtle oak flavours. Great fruit length with fine, powdery tannins.

Cellaring

Drinks well now, or will reward cellaring for the mid-term (36 - 48 months).

Vintage 2023

Barossa's 2023 vintage was significantly delayed, starting 3-4 weeks later than the 'new normal' of recent decades, with harvest extending into May for some sites. The region experienced one of its wettest springs on record, with 131% above-average rainfall and 53 rain days. Summer was mild, with no heatwaves and below-average rainfall, delaying veraison until February. Harvest began in mid-March for early reds, with sporadic rainfall events in March and April. While yields varied across the region, the final tally was slightly above-average. The season's challenges ultimately resulted in reds with intense, rich flavors.

