

121 SETTLERS

Variety: Shiraz

Vintage: 2022

Region: Barossa Valley, South Australia

Alcohol: 14.5%

The village of Krondorf was founded by 121 settlers and their families, playing a key role in paving the rich heritage of the now world-renowned winemaking region of the Barossa Valley. With this wine, the Krondorf winery proudly pays respect to their legacy, showcasing the very best of the Barossa regional style.

Vineyard

The 121 Settlers Old Vine Shiraz is sourced from a single site in St. Jakobi, situated at the cooler southern edge of the Barossa near Lyndoch. The local red clay and loam soils encourage early ripening, providing a natural defense against unpredictable weather and frost risks. Crucially, these dense soils provide a firm tannic structure that balances the naturally bold Barossa fruit, ensuring the wine develops beautifully in the cellar. The vineyard is defined by vines over 60 years old, including gnarled octogenarian veterans among them. These deep-rooted old vines produce naturally low yields and the resulting fruit is immaculate - vibrant and concentrated, yet carrying the generous character that defines the heart of the Barossa.

Winemaking

With such top-quality grape selection, a considered winemaking process is all that is required, with the aim to drive the attributes and characteristics of the vineyard into the wine. Juice is partially gravity flowed, with gentle pigeage to extract tannins, then the wine is aged in a combination of new and second-use French oak barrels for 16-18 months. The result is a full-bodied but linear and finessed wine - attributes that are reflective of the site.

Colour

Dark red with strong crimson hues.

Nose

Incredible depth and intensity with ripe blackberry, plum and concentrated blue fruit. Notes of graphite, aniseed and dark chocolate.

Palate

Powerful yet finely structured cocoa powder tannins. Spicy, cedary oak influence supports the fruit profile to give a truly special bold wine.

Cellaring

Drinks well now, or will benefit from cellaring for a further 15+ years.

Vintage 2022

The Barossa region experienced strong rainfall in winter 2021, recording 48% above the long term average. This filled the soil profile going into the growing season after three years of dry winters. Windy and damp weather during flowering affected fruit set and some vineyards were beset by frost, as well as two separate hailstorms. In spite of these setbacks, the warm dry Summer enabled a long, even ripening period ideal for premium Shiraz, resulting in wines that are elegant and structured with great depth and length of flavour.

