

121 SETTLERS

Variety: Shiraz

Vintage: 2021

Region: Barossa Valley, South Australia

Alcohol: 14.5%

The village of Krondorf was founded by 121 humble and hardy settlers. Their land was subdivided into small plots that allowed them to grow crops, establish orchards and vineyards, nurture animals and share-farm. "Love, faith and hope" were the underlying and binding values of this community. Inspired by this story, Krondorf Wines continues the story of renewal, love, faith and hope with the spirit of those original 121 Settlers remembered through the rare, meticulously selected, Old Vine classified vineyards.

Vineyard

Fruit is sourced from a single vineyard in the Southern Barossa. Average vine age is approximately 60 years.

Winemaking

In the cellar, the wine is made with a minimalistic approach. 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

Deep red with purple hues.

Nose

Incredible depth and intensity with the oak giving balance to the strong core of dark fruit. Graphite, aniseed and chocolate round out the palate.

Palate

An intense palate of black fruit, subtle oakiness and fine, structured tannins.

Cellaring

Drinks well now, or will benefit from cellaring for a further 10+ years.

Vintage 2021

The 2021 growing season in the Barossa offered favourable conditions, with the summer growing season mild and even, with cool day time temperatures. Enhanced by excellent rains across winter and spring and a full moisture profile in the soil, the vineyards developed wonderful canopies and well-formed grape bunches. As a result of the long flavour development and ripening cycle in the vineyard, the 2021 vintage resulted in fruit of exceptional quality and excellent yields. Regarded as one of the most renowned vintages, wines produced from the exceptional fruit of 2021 exhibit great depth of colour, with intense, concentrated varietal fruit flavours, whilst robust reds will have firm tannins which will mellow and soften with careful cellaring.

