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2021 HEAD 'THE BLONDE'

Shiraz
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The Real Review Classification of Australian Wine
1 Merit Wine



Head Wines now works with a diverse range of up to 20 different Shiraz vineyards in the Barossa and Eden Valleys. To be considered part of 'The Blonde' a vineyard must perform amongst the few top vineyards each year and have well defined perfumes, textures and supple tannins

For 2021, 'The Blonde' came from a vineyard planted in the 'Barossa Ranges' of the Eden Valley GI. The Shiraz (at 450m elevation) was planted in 1962 on an east-west downwards slope protected by the afternoon sun. The soils are granitic and sandy over limestone and clay.

A small addition of co-fermented Viognier (planted nearby) filled out the palate and completed the wines delicate tannin profile. It is worth noting that I am trying to pursue finesse and elegance with this wine, always thinking about how to make the wine better, not bigger. The only additions made to this wine were 15% new oak and I hope you feel the same uninterrupted flow, harmony and pleasantness that I feel it should convey. *Alex Head*

The 2021 vintage of 'The Blonde' will be released for sale in September of 2023.

Ned Goodwin MW
James Suckling

96
Pts

"The suite of wine from Alex Head gets better each year. While this is full-bodied in terms of extract and alcohol, it is vibrant, subtly reductive, detailed and immaculately poised, making for effortless drinking. Limestone soils impart a je ne sais quoi tension to a whirl of white pepper, clove, boysenberry, deli meats and lilac. Yet what makes this so impressive is the combination of tannin, juicy freshness and confident oak handling, all boding well for cellaring."

Andrew Caillard MW
The Vintage Journal

95
Pts

"Medium-deep crimson. Intense & complex dark cheery, dark chocolate, roast chestnut aromas with hints of apricots.. A very attractive Barossa Shiraz showing lovely definition, freshness and complexity. Now-2034."



RAINFALL:	461ml (April '20-March '21 avg. 465ml)
VINEYARD:	Flaxman Valley within the Barossa Ranges of Eden Valley
VARIETAL:	98% Shiraz (EVOV clone), 2% Viognier
VINE AGE:	Planted 1962 (60 y.o.)
SOIL/ROCK:	Sandy loam, decomposed granite with limestone over clay
AVG. YIELD:	2.0t/a or 38hl/h
PRODUCTION:	300 cases
VINIFICATION:	2-5t open top stainless steel, indigenous yeast, two-week ferment, hand-plunging & pump-over twice daily
MATURATION:	17 months on fine lees, 15% new French oak 228L
BOTTLING:	August '22, minimal So2, unfined
ACIDITY:	6.0 g/l
ALCOHOL:	14.5%