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2022 HEAD 'THE BLONDE'

Shiraz
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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 2022, '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 20% new oak and I hope you feel the same uninterrupted flow, harmony and pleasantness that I feel it should convey. *Alex Head*

The 2022 vintage of 'The Blonde' will be released for sale in September of 2024.

"With all the great 2021s in bottle now we have a benchmark of quality and in barrel the 2022 wines show similarities with a prettier aromatic profile and deeper colours. Fascinating to see what will develop and at this stage we'll throw a blanket over them..."



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1 Merit Wine



RAINFALL:	435ml (April '21-March '22 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:	1.4t/a or 35hl/h
PRODUCTION:	300 cases
VINIFICATION:	2t open top stainless steel, indigenous yeast, two-week ferment, hand-plunging & pump-over twice daily
MATURATION:	18 months on fine lees, 20% new French oak 500L
BOTTLING:	September '23, minimal So2, unfined
ACIDITY:	6.0 g/l
ALCOHOL:	14.5%