

# HEAD

BAROSSA

## 2022 HEAD 'THE BRUNETTE'

*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 Brunette' a vineyard must perform amongst the few top vineyards each year and represent the 'dark-side' of Shiraz in the Barossa. In the vineyard we give every opportunity for the fruit to provide us with the tannins and concentration to make a structured and long-lived traditional Barossa Shiraz.

In the 2022 vintage, the base Shiraz comes from a vineyard planted circa 1965, in the Flaxman Valley at 480m altitude. The vineyard has a perfect easterly aspect and gradient to catch the morning sun and is shaded from the late heat of the day. The soils are lean, with clays, mixed ironstone and some scattered quartz, producing optimum conditions for dark, savoury fruits and fine, structured tannins. *Alex Head*

The 2022 vintage of 'The Brunette' will be released 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..."*



The Real Review Classification of Australian Wine  
**2 Merit Wine**



RAINFALL: 435ml (April '21-March '22 avg. 465ml)

VINEYARD: Flaxman Valley at 480m elevation

VARIETAL: 100% Shiraz (EVOV clone)

VINE AGE: Planted 1965 (57 y.o.)

SOIL/ROCK: Red-orange clay, quartz & ironstone

AVG. YIELD: 1.5t/a or 26hl/h

PRODUCTION: 200 cases

VINIFICATION: 2t open top stainless steel with heading down boards, indigenous yeast, 10% whole-bunch, two week ferment, daily pump-overs

MATURATION: On fine lees, 18 months in 20% new French 500L

BOTTLING: September '23, minimal So2, unfined

ACIDITY: 6.1g/l

ALCOHOL: 14.5%