



PETER LEHMANN

Barossa

MASTERSON

2018 MASTERSON BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ

MASTERSON has been crafted to embody the strength and spirit of the Barossa community and the camaraderie forged over decades with generations of family grape growers.

Today, these enduring relationships enable our winemakers to hand-select the most exceptional parcels of fruit from the length and breadth of the region, culminating in this very special wine.

MASTERSON is a world-class single vineyard Shiraz wine, celebrating the expression of an exceptional individual site.

Limited to 2,000 bottles.



Region

Moppa District, Barossa Valley

Vintage Conditions

Following reasonable winter and spring rainfall, soil moisture was at an optimum level during the growing season and Barossa vineyards developed healthy canopies heading into summer. January and February were warm and dry, with summer rainfall received being only 50% of average. Very warm day and night time temperatures in February slowed down the pace of ripening and reduced natural acidity. Yields overall were 10% lower than average and this led to concentrated and a measured development of flavours, colour and tannin in Barossa Shiraz. Vintage really ramped up in early March, with the majority of Barossa's Shiraz being picked during this period.

The Masterson Shiraz is our best single vineyard wine made only in exceptional vintages. The 2018 displays immense colour, beautiful poised acidity and an even, structural tannin profile. These attributes will provide a strong backbone for indefinite cellaring potential.

Winemaking & Maturation

The grapes were harvested on the 20th February and were immediately crushed into a small stainless steel fermenter. The wine remained on skins for 14 days with regular pumpovers during this period. After primary fermentation, the wine was basket pressed into a small tank and subsequently racked into neutral hogsheads to complete Malolactic fermentation. After six months, the wine was transferred to a seasoned, second-use Foudre for a further 41 months prior to bottling. A further maturation period after bottling of over 12 months prior to release allowed for the wine to settle down and all components integrate together further.

Colour - Deep and vibrant ruby red hue with a bright purple rim.

Aroma - Fresh, lifted bright and youthful red fruits and satsuma plum with some subtle, smoky and perfumed oak.

Tasting Note

Palate - Juicy chocolate raspberries and red current fruit lead the palate. Dense, inky mouthfeel with balanced freshening acidity builds full bodied richness. Sophisticated sweet silky tannins provide a strong, supportive backbone to the raspberry fruits and integrated fine-grain oak toast, putting this wine in great stead for long-term ageing.

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Peak Drinking

Indefinitely when cellared in correct conditions.

Serving Suggestion

The 2018 Mastertson Shiraz has been bottled using premium corks, wax-dipped and aged in our temperature controlled warehouse.

This special wine is best enjoyed with friends and/or family to celebrate a special occasion.

Ensure the bottle is decanted and allowed to breathe for a minimum of 2-3 hours prior to consuming for maximum enjoyment.

Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol 14.0% TA 6.37g/L pH 3.55 RS 0.66g/L*



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