



THE ICONIC

GRAND RESERVE

2014 BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ

Three generations culminating to produce an alluring and flavoursome Shiraz, produced by Calabria Family Wines. Handcrafted – hand plunged and gravity fed to barrel, under Bill's watchful eye.

Vintage Conditions

The vines were well set up for the season following above average winter and spring rains. Late spring and summer were dry and warm, a rain event mid February was early enough that it freshened the vines without leading to any quality loss.

Maturation

The hand harvested and transported from the Barossa Valley to our winery in Griffith. The fruit is fermented in open top concrete vats and before being pressed directly to barrel. After 12-18 months maturation the wine is emptied via gravity before bottling. When the quality of the fruit is so high winemaking input is minimal- it is more a case of guiding the fruit gently through the winemaking process.

Planted Year

1914 'Centenarian Vines' Barossa Valley, South Australia.

Region: Barossa Valley

Varietal: Shiraz

Vignerons: Bill Calabria

Vinification

Fruit was hand sorted and fermented in traditional open vats for seven days before being pressed to barrel.

Appearance:

Inky dark red core

Characteristics:

Seductive and alluring

Analysis

ALC/VOL: 14.5%

pH: 3.5

TA: 6.2

Sugar: 4.1

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Bouquet: Powerful, black licorice, black cherry, blood plums, dark chocolate with subtle oak spice of cinnamon and nutmeg.

Palate: Powerful and seamless- luscious dark black fruit supported by a strong tannin framework, pure and dark- reminiscent of best quality Valrhona chocolate.

Suggested Cuisine: Indulge with a rich and authentic meat dish; such as French cassoulet, Italian osso bucco or a modern Australian interpretation of eye fillet.

Cellaring: Drinking well now but will reward medium term cellaring for fifteen - twenty years.

Winemaking information: The fruit is sourced from 12 rows of vines on the William vineyard. These 12 rows of vines were planted in 1914, they have survived drought, flood, vine pull schemes and everything in between. What is left now are gnarly, knotted and low yielding 100 year old vines that are being nurtured to produce small quantities of intensely flavoured fruit.

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