

Barossa Valley Shiraz 2012

Barossa Valley, South Australia, Australia



Grape Varieties	100% Syrah/Shiraz
Winemaker	Andrew Wigan
Closure	Stelvin Lux
ABV	14.5%
Residual Sugar	3.2g/L
Acidity	7.09g/L
Wine pH	3.54
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan

PRODUCER

Peter Lehmann, with 33 vintages already under his belt, started his own winery in 1979, partly as a means of helping with the glut of grapes then afflicting the Barossa. "I'll take your grapes and turn them into wine," he told the desperate growers, many of them conservative farmers of Silesian descent who regarded their old vines as part of their patrimony. "But I'll only be able to pay you when I sell the wine." They gratefully accepted. Without this deal, it is widely thought that the Barossa would have lost a huge chunk of its old vines.

Stonewell is Peter Lehmann's flagship wine, first produced in 1987 and made from Shiraz grown in the most premium sites of the Barossa.

VINEYARDS

This is the Peter Lehmann flagship wine, first produced in 1987 and made from a selection of the best Shiraz of the vintage. He named it 'Stonewell' after the district that he believed best showed the characters admired most in Barossa Shiraz.

Fruit from no more than a dozen small, old vineyards is selected to create this wine each year, the oldest planted in 1885. Three premium estate owned, low-yielding vineyards met the Stonewell standard to be included into the 2012 vintage. All three vineyards; Obbietivo, Carey and Simar are located in the southern part of the Barossa.

VINTAGE

2012 was an early and low yielding vintage. The mild weather created outstanding quality grapes – the fruit was beautifully balanced with great colour and varietal definition.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were fermented on their skins in static fermenters for two weeks prior to pressing off through a small batch basket press. Following clarification, the wine was aged in French oak hogsheads for 12 months prior to bottling, and was further aged in the cellars before release.

TASTING NOTES

This limited release Stonewell Shiraz has aromas of dark, plummy fruit and a touch of chocolate and aniseed. The palate is richly structured with fine tannins and a long, persistent finish. The wine shows distinct flavours of black fruits, dark plums, liquorice, dark chocolate with hints of black pepper.

AWARDS

Matthew Jukes 100 Best 2017, Matthew Jukes