

Peter Lehmann Masters,
`Margaret` Barossa Valley Semillon 2013
Barossa Valley, South Australia, Australia



Grape Varieties	100% Semillon
Winemaker	Andrew Wigan
Closure	Stelvin Lux
ABV	10%
Residual Sugar	5.7g/L
Acidity	6.64g/L
Wine pH	2.94
Notes	Vegetarian

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.

The 'Masters' wines are made from the parcels regarded by the winemakers as the best Semillon, Riesling, Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz of the vintage.

VINEYARDS

Vines for the Margaret Semillon come from a 1936 planting owned by the Scholz family at Light Pass in the heart of the Barossa. This Semillon is named after Margaret Lehmann – the wife, business partner and champion of Peter Lehmann Wines.

VINTAGE

2013 was a good vintage. Summer arrived early with the occasional thunderstorm and only four heat spikes where temperatures hit 40°C and above. A cooler than average January followed by a warm February brought the predicted early vintage even further forward. The Semillon for Margaret was among the first grapes picked and showed excellent balance and maturity.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were picked early and cold-fermented in stainless steel for two weeks to retain fruit delicacy. Only free-run juice was used. Following a three week fermentation period, the wine was clarified and bottled before being cellared at the winery for five years prior to release.

TASTING NOTES

While bottle ageing in the Tanunda cellars, the wine has developed an attractive bright straw colour. Aromas of lemon curd, lime rind and honey are evident on the complex nose and are complemented by hints of lanolin and beeswax on a soft rounded mid-palate that superbly balances this lively, zesty wine.

AWARDS

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