

Peter Lehmann Masters,
Barossa Valley Botrytis Semillon 2021
Barossa Valley, South Australia, Australia



Grape Varieties	100% Semillon
Winemaker	Tim Dolan
Closure	Stelvin Lux
ABV	11%
Residual Sugar	116g/L
Acidity	7.3g/L
Wine pH	3.06
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

Peter Lehmann works with over 140 growers across the length and breadth of the Barossa Valley region, with access to over 750 individual vineyard sites. The fruit for this wine was sourced exclusively from the Estate Semillon vineyard on the banks of the North Para River, a two-hectare vineyard specifically established for the production of high quality botrytised fruit. The soils are deep alluvial loam and the parcels are typically the last fruit to be picked for vintage.

VINTAGE

Vintage 2021 enjoyed good levels of rainfall that fell at exactly the right time throughout the season, which helped the vineyard to bounce back after three dry, low-yielding years. The weather remained mild throughout the growing season and harvest period, producing a botrytised Semillon of exceptional quality. Harvest took place on the 5th of May.

VINIFICATION

Upon arrival to the winery, the hand-picked fruit was gently basket pressed. The juice was then clarified and cold fermented in stainless steel tanks. Due to the high concentration of sugar in the grapes, the fermentation was stopped at approximately seven baume and 11% alcohol.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is a beautiful golden colour that will intensify with bottle age. On the nose, there are intense aromas of lemon peel, honey, lemon sherbet and butterscotch, which evolve on the palate with added notes of dried apricot, lemon marmalade and rich toffee characters. The finish is deliciously luscious, beautifully balanced by fresh citrus acidity.