

Peter Lehmann The Barossan,
Barossa Valley Shiraz 2020
Barossa Valley, South Australia, Australia



Grape Varieties	100% Shiraz
Winemaker	Nigel Westblade
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	14.5%
Residual Sugar	5.4g/L
Acidity	5.98g/L
Wine pH	3.59
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.

VINEYARDS

Parcels of fruit are sourced from all areas of the Barossa Valley, from around 40 growers renowned for their skill, to produce a quintessentially Barossan Shiraz. Soils vary across the sub-regions, consisting of yellow clay, sandy loam and deep alluvial ancient sediment, each imparting their own unique character on the final blend. The Barossa Valley floor mainly consists of flat areas and gentle slopes, with the majority of rows running east to west. Traditional vertical shoot position trellis systems are most commonly used.

VINTAGE

The 2020 vintage was challenging for a number of reasons, starting with a temperamental spring and a sudden rise in temperatures around flowering, causing a reduction in yields. The reduced yields meant the ripening season was accelerated, but thankfully there were cool nights around the harvest time which ensured the grapes were picked at optimum ripeness.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were picked in the cool of the night to retain freshness levels in the berries. Upon arrival at the winery, they were immediately crushed into stainless steel vats and fermented on the skins for 7 to 10 days. After pressing off skins, the wine was then matured in new (25%) and older American hogsheads for 15 months prior to bottling and release.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is a deep ruby in colour with a bright crimson edge. The nose displays lifted aromas of plum and red berries with notes of charred spice, chocolate and liquorice. Red berry, spice and chocolate carry through to the full-bodied palate, married with ripe, velvety tannins and a softly structured finish.