



***February 2021***

### ***2018 Old Hands Shiraz***

**94 Points - Bob Campbell MW, The Real Review**

Dense, silken-textured shiraz with plum, dark berries, chocolate-mocha, vanilla, coconut and subtle spice flavours. It has the intensity I expect in old-vine shiraz. Nicely balanced with no suggestion of cloying. Should age well.

**95 points - Ray Jordan – winepilot.com**

Here is a Barossa shiraz through and through. Loads of plump, fleshy, ripe shiraz fruit is augmented with spices and cedar oak influence. The palate is concentrated with dark plum, mocha and slightly tarry liquorice flavours. It's smooth and seamlessly put together with the oak and tannin contribution so subtle. You really do get a decent whack of old Barossa fruit here.

**95 points - Qwinereviews.com**

Proper Barossa Shiraz. Take your shoes off at the door, exchange pleasantries, sit bolt upright, no elbows on the table thank you. And please, don't spill anything on those bone-white chinos. This is all class so bring your best behaviour. There is a delicacy and finesse about its swagger. It's measured yet moves with an uncomplicated appeal. Cedar and flashes of clove waltz. Sweet baking spices pur. Dark berry fruit is generous yet not weighty nor heady. Over three days of tasting it gained some terrific momentum - think of a wave sliding into the beach. It just creeps up on you with a soft kiss as it laps at your feet.

**GOLD – 2020 China Wine & Spirits Awards**

### ***2018 Old Hands Cabernet Sauvignon***

**92 Points – Bob Campbell MW, The Real Review**

Very ripe and concentrated cabernet sauvignon with cassis, dried berry fruit, cedar, and spicy oak flavours. A bold, intense red with obvious cellaring potential. Jan 2021

**95 points Ray Jordan – winepilot.com**

The wine is soft, supple and plump with a velvety smooth, seamlessly constructed palate. Loads of blackcurrant is evident with more lifted notes of violet and cedar. So smooth and concentrated yet with poise and expression. Great example of what the old Barossa vines can do with cabernet in a good year.

### **92 points - Qwinereviews.com**

A tidy Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon from small producer Welland. Still quite young, this will flesh out more with time. Over several hours in the glass, it demonstrated some development too. Roasted peppers, cigar box, dried thyme and dark chocolate all pushed their case early. Generous blackcurrant and a subtle mintiness added further pleasure. Quite smooth and long to finish, tick, tick, tick.

### **4\* Review - Winestate Magazine, August 2020**

Chocolaty oak dominates this wine, but with good length and weight of sweet dark fruit and a long soft finish.

**GOLD – 2020 Asia Wine Awards**

**SILVER – 2020 New Zealand International Wine Show**

**SILVER – 2020 China Wine & Spirits Awards**

### ***2018 Valley & Valley Shiraz***

**Bronze – 2020 New Zealand International Wine Show**

### ***2019 Valley & Valley Shiraz***

**Bob Campbell MW – The Real Review**

Juicy shiraz with sweet, ripe cassis, dark berry, plum and chocolate-mocha flavours. A solid varietal wine in a distinctly Barossa style. Jan 2021

### **91 points Ray Jordan – winepilot.com**

A plush and ripe medium weight Barossa shiraz. I like the delicious lifted red berry and spicy notes on the nose. The palate then delivers pure fruit expression with a spicy slightly liquorice character plus an appealing brightness. It's a polished and perfectly presented example of Barossa shiraz, So, so drinkable.

### **91 points - Qwinereviews.com**

These wines from Welland landed on the doorstep recently with the Barossa Shiraz and Cabernet flags being flown. Plenty of happiness awaits with this - a classic Barossa Shiraz. Ben Chapman brings 20+ years of experience from Rockford, Angove and Thorn-Clark to this label he and wife Madeleine produce. Much of that time was in sales and marketing with a gradual shift to work in the winery. Having worked at these establishments, you get a sense Chapman knows a thing or two about developing relationships - a skill no doubt used well here to gather parcels of fruit from various Barossa and Eden Valley vineyards. Cloves and cedar cling to dark berry and blueberry fruit. Woodsy spices and Christmas cake appeal seemingly do laps around the mouth - almost unstoppable. Dark chocolate and red plums drive home with a flirtatious tickle of spices on close just for good measure. A very tidy drink and a terrific nod to what a classic Barossa Shiraz looks like. Get this in your belly.

## ***2019 Valley & Valley Cabernet Sauvignon***

**91 points Ray Jordan – winepilot.com**

This cabernet punches out some serious fruit intensity. Strong character of blackcurrant and ripe plum juice on the nose followed by a palate that is so rich and dense and so Barossa. It's a robust wine yet it is more toward medium-bodied such is the balance, poise, and palate weight. Intense driving fruit flavours with a little oak and fine tannin support a plush and mouthfilling style.