



# Eisenstone

## Winemakers

Stephen Cook

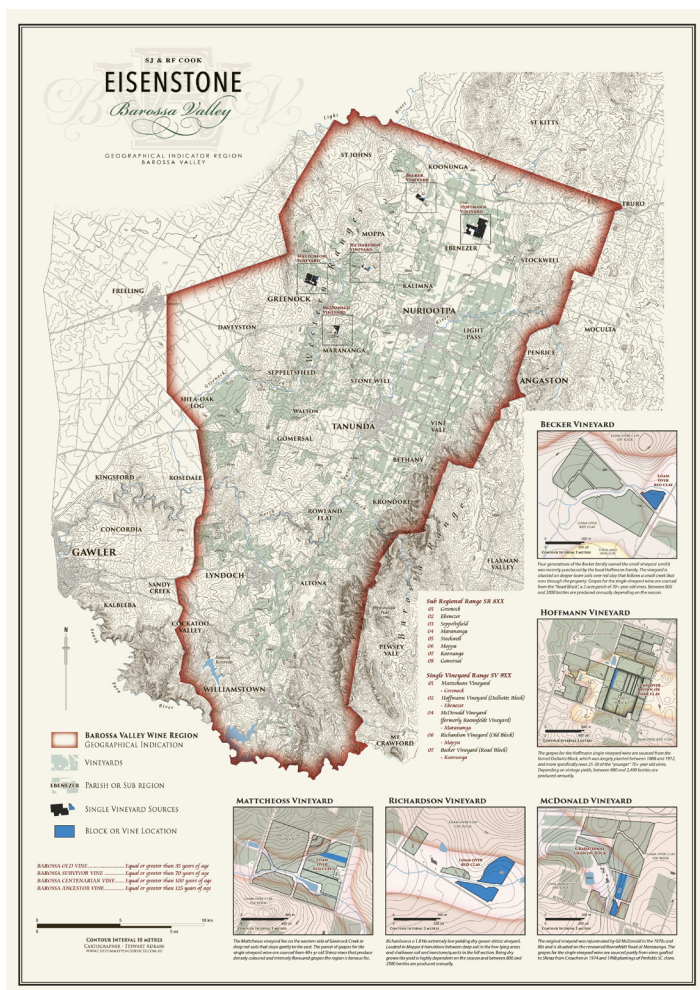
## Brief History

Celebrating the rich German heritage of the Barossa Valley, the name Eisenstone comes from a blend of the German word for iron (Eisen) and the English (Stone). The name celebrates the Ironstone soils in which the vines grow and the stone used by the original German settlers to build much of the famous Barossa buildings that still stand to this very day.

Stephen Cook is a New Zealand native whom upon leaving school went into banking. After 12 years he wanted a change in direction and left to travel overseas, discovering wine spending time in Adelaide. Stephen returned to New Zealand to pursue a science degree followed by a Masters in biochemistry, then returned to Adelaide to complete a post graduate diploma in winemaking. After 20 years of working in the wine industry, Stephen launched Eisenstone in 2018.

The Eisenstone philosophy is to establish themselves as specialists of Barossa Valley Shiraz. Stephen wanted to make the vineyards the story, and not the winemaker. He does this by making each wine in exactly the same method, the only difference is in the subregion of where the vineyard is located in the Barossa. In his four years since starting Eisenstone, Stephen has continuously received high praises from journalists including in the 2022 Decanter World Wine Awards, was the highest awarded winemaker from Australia, and most recently was awarded the impressive number 4 spot in Huon Hooke's The Real Review Top Wineries of Australia 2023, which features about 350 of Australia's best wineries, based off the 10,000+ wines the TRR team tasted over the last year.





## Region

Barossa Valley, Australia

## Vineyards

**Becker:** After 4 generations of being Becker family-owned, this vineyard was recently purchased by the family. The vineyard is situated on deeper loam soils over red clay that follows a small creek that runs through the property. Between 800 and 2000 bottles are produced annually from this vineyard.

**Hoffmann:** The grapes for the Hoffmann single vineyard wine are sourced from the famed Dallwitz Block, which was largely planted between 1888 and 1912, and more specifically rows 25-30 of the “younger: 70+ year old vines. Depending on vintage yields, between 800 and 2,400 bottles are produced annually.

**Mattcheoss:** The Mattcheoss vineyard lies on the western side of Greenock Creek in deep red soils that slope gently to the east. The parcel of grapes for the single vineyard wines are sourced from 40+ year old Shiraz vines that produce densely coloured and intensely flavoured grapes the region is famous for.

**McDonald:** The original vineyard was rejuvenated by Gil McDonald in the 1970s and 80s and is situated on the renowned Roennfeldt Road at Marananga. The grapes for the single vineyard wine are sourced partly from vines grafted to Shiraz from Crouchen in 1974 and 1998 plantings of Penfolds SC clone.

**Richardson:** A 1.8 hectares of extremely low yielding dry grown shiraz vineyard. Located in Moppa it transitions between deep soil in the low lying areas and shallower soil and ironstone/quartz in the hill section. Being dry grown the yield is highly dependent on the season and between 800 and 2500 bottles are produced annually.





## Key Selling Points

Vintage 2021: Even prior to the release of the 2021 vintage, the wines have already seen great success with an astonishing 98 point review from Huon Hooke for the 2021 Eisenstone Becker Vyd. Koonunga Shiraz SV907, along with the other wines all scoring between 93 and 97 points. The Eisenstone 'Hoffmann DV Vyd. Ebenezer' Shiraz was also featured in the Mathew Jukes 100 Best Australian Wines.

Vintage 2020: The 2020 vintage was awarded a rare 99 point review from Huon Hooke for the 2020 Eisenstone Hoffmann Vyd. Ebenezer Shiraz, along with 97 points for 2020 McDonald Vyd. Marananga Shiraz, 96 points for 2020 Ebenezer Shiraz, 95 points for 2020 Marananga Shiraz, 94 points for 2020 Koonunga Shiraz, and 93 points for 2020 Gomersal Shiraz.

Vintage 2019: At the 2022 Decanter World Wine Awards, Stephen Cook was the highest awarded winemaker in Australia, with 6 entries and 6 wins (1 platinum and 5 golds)

Stephen's motivation is his love for winemaking and the hands-on experience of having total creative control of his wines. Money is not his driving force, but instead his ambition is to create a respected Barossa brand and to continue securing stunning parcels of fruit to consistently deliver high-quality wines

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## EISENSTONE 2021 VINTAGES

Eisenstone #4 Winery  
The Real Review 2023

The  
Real  
Review 2023  
TOP WINERIES  
AUSTRALIA

2021 EISENSTONE  
'BECKER VYD. KOONUNGA'  
SHIRAZ SV907

2021 EISENSTONE  
'HOFFMANN DV VYD.  
EBENEZER'  
SHIRAZ SV902

2021 EISENSTONE  
'MCDONALD VYD.  
MARANGNA'  
SHIRAZ SV904

2021 EISENSTONE  
'MATTSCHOSS VYD.  
GREENOCK'  
SHIRAZ SV901

2021 EISENSTONE  
'KOONUNGA'  
SHIRAZ SR807

2021 EISENSTONE  
'EBENEZER'  
SHIRAZ SR802

2021 EISENSTONE  
'MARANGNA'  
SHIRAZ SR804

2021 EISENSTONE  
'GREENOCK'  
SHIRAZ SR801

