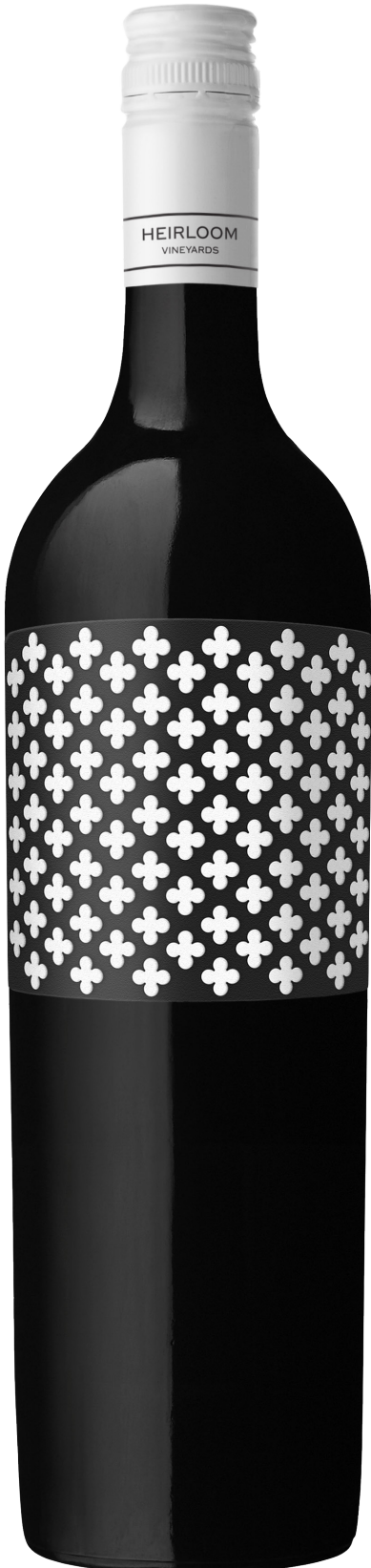


# HEIRLOOM

## VINEYARDS

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### 2023 A'LAMBRA BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ

Heirloom Vineyards was conceived in vintage 2000, when a young winemaking student caught the eye of a silly old wine judge. A love story ensued inspired by two vows: To preserve the best of tradition, the old world of wine and our unique old vineyards and to champion the best clones of each variety planted in the most appropriate sites embracing the principals of organic and biodynamic farming. Seven long vintages of trial and error passed before Heirloom Vineyards could make a wine that was fine enough to pass on to future generations. That is this wine.

This Heirloom Vineyards Shiraz was produced from our best Barossa Valley Vineyard whose clones and viticulture embody the very best in cutting edge but old school viticulture and winemaking. Hand tended vines, sorted bunch by bunch, naturally open fermented, basket-pressed and stored in well seasoned both American and French oak barrels from bespoke coopers.

### OUR WINE NOTES

Shiraz can be a simple sip or a symphony of the senses, a moment of pleasure or an eternity of contemplation. Only the poet can know, so stop thinking and surrender.

### COLOUR

Dark and yet bright and as if it could shine black light at midnight.

### AROMA

Powdered concentrate of plum extract used to flavour Elven bread. Moss on a dark ravine's sunless wall. Mint and blackberry intertwined in some fairytale ending. A blend of all the aromatics of the Barossa and the barest bouquet of the lady-winemaker's art (or is that deception?) Aniseed and blackberry and eucalyptus and raisins; cedar and vanilla and the bloodied sawdust of a butcher's shop floor. Heroic and harmful and on the wing.

### PALATE

Fine red wine - which we submit this is - is always about a sweet-spot. The line between fruit ripeness and fruit savouriness. It can seem apparent in some wines; in others it has a quiet reserve. This wine has a diving-bell depth of black fruits; yet in the next sip those same fruits seem to soar, as if in Spring flower. Tannins then trail as if in clouds of glory - or are they a dark wake in a gravel sea? You need another glass to see.

### OVERALL

From vineyard to glass a line of awkward veracity runs, as if some red wine can know more than truth or beauty, or both. Which is why a Weisswurst Sausage and a spoonful of German Mustard can resolve the corollary, almost.

Alcohol 14.5% (8.6 Standard Drinks)

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