

2018 GLAETZER BISHOP



Glaetzer Bishop is a true expression of Barossa Shiraz that is elegantly structured with a long finish.

Variety:

100% Shiraz

Vineyards:

Exceptional old vine fruit was sourced from the famed Ebenezer sub district at the northern tip of the Barossa Valley. Vine age 35—120 years old. Yield 3 tonnes per hectare.

Vintage Conditions:

The growing season started well with above average winter rainfall but was followed by well below average spring and summer rainfall coupled with warm temperatures. Fortunately our vines were in perfect balance with healthy canopies assisting even ripening and fruit flavour development. Harvest commenced very early in late January. Calm Indian summer conditions began in early March which were perfect for finishing off vintage. The resultant 2018 wines are of exceptional quality featuring intense depth of colour, astounding aromatic purity plus richness and brightness on the palate.

Vinification:

Fermented in 1 and 2 tonne open fermenters. Extended maceration was employed to enable good tannin development so the wine is soft and approachable early. Matured for 16 months in a mix of 40% new oak and 60% 2—3 year old oak hogshead barrels (90% French / 10% American).

Tasting Notes

Colour: Dark purple, almost impenetrable.

Aroma: Black fruits abound. Dark plums and blackberry notes intermingle with anise and fresh spice.

Palate: Bright and juicy with a wonderfully rich mid-palate that maintains balance and finishes with texture. Flavours of dried spice and dark berry fruits add freshness and dimension.

Peak Drinking: Great drinking now but this wine will also benefit from 10—12 years of careful cellaring.

Wine Analysis

Alcohol 14.5%
Total Acidity 6.38 g/l
pH 3.5
Residual Sugar 0.6 g/l