

Elderton

2021 Ode to Lorraine

51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Shiraz, 4% Merlot

History

The winemaking team at Elderton believe this is truly the hidden gem in the Elderton portfolio of premium reds. A Cabernet/Shiraz/Merlot blend was added to our portfolio from the 1992 vintage. It was a belief that through blending only the best parcels of fruit from the Elderton vineyard, a truly wondrous and complete wine could be made that showed the highlights of the three grape varieties.

The decision was made from the 2002 vintage onwards for the wine to be renamed (from CSM) in honour of co-founder of Elderton Wines, Lorraine Ashmead. This wine is dedicated to a woman who is greatly admired in the Barossa for her passion, dedication and commitment to not only Elderton, but to all the wonders that make our beautiful valley so special.

Vineyard Information

Estate grown on the Nuriootpa vineyard, with deep alluvial silt over red and brown earths and limestone. The fruit is sourced from Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz and Merlot blocks planted between 1894 and 2017.

Vineyard Source 100% estate grown, Nuriootpa

Vine Age 4 - 127 years

Picking Date 16 - 31 March 2021

Winemakers' Comments

2021 came as a welcome relief after the dry years prior. We received decent winter rains and aside from a very mild frost in September 2020, the growing season continued without fault. Our Cabernet Sauvignon, the backbone of this wine, has the most distinctive characters of dried sage and cassis which in the exceptional years is truly amazing. Our Shiraz comes from two parcels, which were fermented using a combination of heading boards and open fermentation. We incorporated a portion of barrel fermentation ensuring best integration of oak. The final blend was assembled just prior to bottling, ensuring the Cabernet Sauvignon tannin structure (assertive and long) was balanced with the fruit drive and density of old vine Shiraz, with a touch of spice and softness from the Merlot.

- Jules Ashmead & Brock Harrison

Style Powerful yet elegant

Colour Vibrant deep crimson

Aroma Brooding red and dark fruits with notes of bay leaf

Palate Vibrant cassis with sweet spices of cinnamon and clove and hints of rich dark chocolate. The tannins are fine and long, balanced with sweet fruit, they dance in unison on the palate.

Oak French puncheons, new and seasoned, 20 months

Cellaring Drink now or cellar confidently for 15+ years

Alc/vol 14.9%

