

# OLD SALEM SHIRAZ

*Variety:* Shiraz

*Vintage:* 2021

*Region:* Barossa, South Australia

*Alcohol:* 14.5%

The Old Salem Barossa Shiraz takes its name from the Old Salem Lutheran Church, which was built with humble claystone in 1856. The church was destroyed in the flood of 1946, but it lives on in the memorial stone laid in our vineyard and the grapes harvested from it. These are incorporated with carefully selected premium grapes from other longstanding Barossa family growers to create this distinctive Barossa Shiraz.

## *Vintage 2021*

The 2021 growing season in the Barossa offered favourable conditions, with the summer growing season mild and even, with cool day time temperatures.

Enhanced by excellent rains across winter and spring and a full moisture profile in the soil, the vineyards developed wonderful canopies and well-formed grape bunches.

As a result of the long flavour development and ripening cycle in the vineyard, the 2021 vintage resulted in fruit of exceptional quality and excellent yields.

Regarded as one of the most renowned vintages, wines produced from the exceptional fruit of 2021 exhibit great depth of colour, with intense, concentrated varietal fruit flavours, whilst robust reds will have firm tannins which will mellow and soften with careful cellaring.

## *Winemaking*

The individual parcels of fruit are vinified in small stainless steel fermenters with gentle extraction of tannins, then aged in new and second-use French oak hogsheads for 18 months.

## *Tasting Notes*

Intense, deep red with a crimson hue, this wine has an expressive and complex array of red and blue berry fruit aromas, with nuances of cinnamon and anise. The palate displays generous blackberry and blackcurrant flavours seamlessly integrated with fine chalky tannins, leading to a long, persistent finish.

## *Cellaring*

To 2028.

