



SEPPELTSFIELD
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SEPPELTSFIELD 1999 21 YEAR OLD PARA TAWNY

Tawny styles refer to fortified wines that have been blended using red grape varietals, which in the Barossa, typically include Grenache, Shiraz and Mourvedre. Often, Tawny styles are carefully blended from a range of vintage years to achieve a consistent style and minimum age.

The 21 Year Old Para Tawny however stands alone as a single vintage wine, whereby the most select parcels of 1999 vintage wine are drawn from barrel and bottled as a special celebratory release. Its style therefore has the added complexity of being a reflection of the growing conditions during a singular season.



Grenache, Shiraz, Mourvedre
(Full composition unknown)



South Australia



21 years in seasoned fortified oak

WINEMAKING

The 21 Year Old Para Tawny is proudly a single vintage fortified wine, whereby parcels have been matured in old oak hogsheads. Brandy spirit has been used as the fortification element, which along with extensive oxidative aging, gives rise to roasted nut, praline and butterscotch aromas and flavours.

TASTING NOTES

A fine example of single vintage Tawny from extended barrel maturation, lifted, fresh & elegant.

Colour: Medium amber with golden and red hues.

Aroma: Lifted blend of freshly baked almond and biscotti with a hint of hazelnut liqueur.

Palate: A medium weighted elegant wine with stylish brandy spirit and the creaminess of crème brulee, coupled with lightly toasted almonds.

Food Pairing: Ideally suited to Cheese & Dessert. Can be served chilled, refrigerate after opening to ensure freshness.





WINEMAKER: FIONA DONALD

After initially contemplating tertiary studies in Science and Food Technology at Sydney University, a magazine article piqued Fiona Donald's interest in winemaking. A letter penned to Len Evans resulted in the advice that "Roseworthy is the place to go!" Fiona's course was set.

In 1988 Fiona commenced study at Roseworthy Agricultural College and was awarded the KT Hardy Memorial Scholarship for Performance in the first Year of the Bachelor of Applied Science in Oenology. She went on to graduate in 1991 with the Silver Medal for Second Aggregate.

After graduation, Fiona started work with Thomas Hardy and Sons at the Tintara Winery in McLaren Vale as Operations Winemaker. Later winemaking roles with Renmano and Barossa Valley Estate followed and in 1997, Fiona was offered the opportunity to work at Southcorp Wines (Penfolds) as Senior Red Winemaker.

Fiona went onto become Group Red Winemaker for the Hardy Wine Company based at Chateau Reynella in McLaren Vale, then returned to the Barossa in 2009 when she accepted the role of Senior Winemaker at Seppeltsfield.

At Seppeltsfield, Fiona was central to the winemaking resurrection of the 1888 Gravity Cellar and now leads the premium Barossa red and the diverse fortified programs, which the estate continues to champion.

In 2012, Fiona was awarded Barossa Winemaker of the Year by the wine fraternity Barons of Barossa and in 2016 was inducted as a Baron of Barossa.

Fiona is currently a member of the Royal Adelaide Wine Show committee, a board member of The Barossa Grape and Wine Association and a Len Evans scholar. Her involvement in wine show judging in recent years has included panel chair at the Hunter Wine Show and Chairman of the Riverland Wine Show. She also judges at the Australian Alternative Varieties Wine Show as well as the provenance classes at the Barossa Wine Show. She is a contributing author to the red winemaking chapter of "Australian Winemaking" available on line through Trivinum Press.

Fiona is married with two children and lives on a small Barossa vineyard acreage close to the Seppeltsfield estate itself.



PARA

The name 'Para' has been synonymous with luxurious fortified wine for over a century, with the iconic insignia gracing Seppeltsfield's most treasured Tawny styles. It remains Australia's longest standing wine label in continual production.

Today, Seppeltsfield maintains the legacy of Para through releases of blended and single vintage Tawny expressions. These include Grand, Rare and 21 Year Old bottlings, as well as vintage dated Para Liqueur and the entire Centennial Collection - dating back to 1878

The name 'Para' is familiar to Barossans, being the river that meanders through the local landscape. The North Para rises from the Barossa Ranges near Eden Valley and flows South-West through the Barossa Valley, passing through the townships of Nuriootpa and Tanunda. Several estuaries branch off of the Para catchment, including Jacob's Creek and Greenock Creek, the latter passing directly through the Seppeltsfield estate itself.

The proximity of a reliable water source would have appealed greatly to Seppeltsfield's founder, Joseph Seppelt, attributing to the decision to settle at the particular Western-Barossa site. The early development of the Seppeltsfield estate and mixed farming enterprise would have relied in part to the Para River and Greenock Creek for a dependable water source. This is evident today with the original pump house used by the Seppelt family still presiding on the banks of Greenock Creek. Para is a local indigenous Australian term, believed to translate simply to 'river'.

