

Barnsworth Shiraz Cabernet NV

Grape Variety: 80% Shiraz 20% Cabernet Sauvignon
Region: 90% Riverina, 5% Hilltops, 5% Tumbarumba
Closure: Screwcap
Alcohol: 13%



Summary: A paragon of the Murray region, Howard Barnsworth provided my first introduction to wine and taught me the value of hard work and getting up early. Sourced from vineyards adjoining the river system he so loved, the Barnsworth wines are honest and full bodied, delivering outstanding value.

Vineyards: Sourced primarily from established vineyards in the Riverina wine region near Griffith, blended with cooler climate parcels from Hilltops and Coonawarra for intensity of flavour and length.

Winemaking: Fruit is mechanically harvested during the early morning hours to retain freshness before fermentation in stainless steel with twice daily pump overs. The varietals are vinified separately and primarily matured in stainless steel before blending with a parcel matured in two and three year old oak barrels for added complexity.

Vintage: A very dry and low yielding vintage that created a small crop of intensely flavoured fruit. After an unsettled flowering, summer came early but delivered few truly hot spikes before a cooler than average January. Warm and dry conditions returned in February before much needed March rains revitalised the vineyards leading in to a relatively trouble free harvest.

Tasting Note: A bright dark brick red in colour. The nose is lifted and aromatic with notes of red berries, cherries and dusty sweet spice. The palate is medium bodied and fruit driven with a core of vibrant red berry and blackcurrant fruit flavours. The Cabernet Sauvignon adds structure and length to this approachable and impressively rich red wine. Enjoy this wine in its youth with a wide range of meat dishes