



"White Label" Barossa Valley Shiraz 2018

Grape Variety: 92% Shiraz, 4% Mataro, 2% Bonvedro, 2% Graciano
Region: 60% Barossa Valley, 40% Eden Valley
Winemaker: Nicholas Crampton and Aaron Woods
Closure: Screwcap
Alcohol: 14.5%

Summary: For a small winemaker, Woods Crampton has been able to achieve a lot in a small amount of time. "The straight men of the Barossa new wave" Woods Crampton makes contemporary and balanced wines, a world away from the jammy fruit bombs of the past. The range includes a ladder of old vine Barossa Shiraz, complex and thought provoking blends and alternate varietals that may be the future of the valley.

Winemaking: Sourced from a number of low yielding old-vine vineyards on the cooler eastern valley slopes, towards Eden Valley. Chilled overnight before primarily de-stemming and cold soak for five days at eight degrees. Fermentation was a cool twenty five degrees in small open two tonne fermenters with fifteen percent whole bunch and twice daily hand plunging. Matured in small and large format oak barrels, primarily French with some American. The thirty percent new oak component is all French oak. Bottled without fining and with minimal filtration.

2018 Vintage: Barossa Winemakers were happy with at the end of vintage citing a high-quality vintage and good yields. Growing season started off well with light rainfall. October and November saw dryer conditions with above average warmer ripening days seeing vine canopies prosper. Dry and warm at the start of the year with just enough rain to retain moisture ensured good even conditions followed by an auspicious Indian Summer with just the right balance of sunshine and rain.

Tasting Note: The nose is very ripe and lifted with primary fruit aromas of dark berries, ripe blood plans and exotic spice with only the lightest hints of oak. The palate is bold and effortless with a depth of spicy, dark berry fruit flavours wrapped in fine tannins before a finish given definition by whole-bunch derived grip and fresh acidity. This wine drinks well now but will improve significantly with twelve months in bottle before aging gracefully for well over ten years.

