

2018 Western Ridge Shiraz

History

We are excited to bring you the third release of the Western Ridge Shiraz. Extremely popular in its first two releases from the 2014 and 2017 vintage, we are equally proud of this wine and expect the 1146 bottles produced to be snapped up quickly.

This wine will only be available direct from the winery - through our Cellar Door and our website

Giving significance to the place that the wine comes from is integral to the future of the Barossa and, of course, Elderton. The hamlet of Greenock sits on the Western Ridge of the Barossa Valley, the inspiration for the wine's name.

Vineyard Information

Our vineyard, located in Greenock in the west of the Barossa Valley was added to the Elderton family in 2010 and is a great addition to the portfolio. The 60 acre vineyard has plantings back to 1915 and a terroir that has been in demand by many of the Barossa's elite winemakers.

Winemaker's Comments

The 2018 Western Ridge Shiraz comes from our Greenock vineyard, with very old, sandy soils which are also home to our Fifteen Shiraz. Plentiful winter rainfall leading into the 2018 vintage ensured decent fruit set and then with a dry January and February, our vines held a decent crop, which required bunch thinning to ensure even ripening. This Western Ridge parcel was hand picked and destemmed to an oak fermenter where a long slow ferment and extended time on skins helped to build tannin structure and ensured we extracted all the flavour possible. We have selected individual barrels with more vibrant, forward and fleshy flavours for the 2018 Western Ridge Shiraz release, a wine of juicy upfront fruit with an approachable midpalate. Ripe sweet fruit and oak combine to make this wine deliciously fresh with a firm and serious tannin finish.

- Julie Ashmead



Style	Fresh, fleshy with vibrant forward fruit
Colour	Dark purple
Aroma & Palate	Bright red fruit, spicy oak tones
Cellaring	Drink now or cellar confidently long term
Production	1146 bottles



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Vineyard Source 100% Estate Grown, Greenock

Vine Age 103 years and 38 years

Picking Date 7 - 21 March 2018

Oak New French oak hogsheads, 15 months

Alc/vol 14.9%