

RWT BIN 798

BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ 2023



The initials RWT stand for 'Red Winemaking Trial', the name given to the project internally when developmental work began in the early 1990s. Now no longer a 'trial', RWT Shiraz was launched in May 2000 with the 1997 vintage. Stylistically, RWT is contemporary, opulent, and finely tuned. An interesting contrast to the well-established Grange, which is a more concentrated, muscular, and assertive style. RWT is made from Barossa Valley Shiraz grapes primarily selected for their aromatic qualities, varietal typicity, fine tannins, and plush texture. Maturation in French oak provides another contrast to Grange. The result is a wine that redefines Barossa Valley Shiraz at the highest quality level. While delightfully approachable on release, RWT Bin 798 has the concentration and balance to age for many years.

GRAPE VARIETY

Shiraz

VINEYARD REGION

Barossa Valley

WINE ANALYSIS

Alc/Vol: 14.5%, Acidity: 6.7 g/L, pH: 3.68

MATURATION

14 months in French oak hogsheads (69% new, 31% 1-y.o.)

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The Barossa Valley's 2023 vintage was marked by resilience in the face of varied climate challenges. The season began with near-average winter rainfall. While September was warmer, spring temperatures remained below average. A significant cold front at the end of October brought torrential rains and flash floods, disrupting the vineyards. Thunderstorms in November delayed flowering by three weeks and heightened the risk of disease. Cooler-than-average temperatures persisted through most of the year until a warmer, drier spell in December and January. The Shiraz vines began flowering in early December in optimal conditions. A return to mild-to-warm conditions in summer ensured the vines were able to complete the growing season in good order. Beneficial temperature swings between day and night aided sugar development and phenolic maturation in the grapes without compromising vine health. Shiraz vines began veraison on February 8th, approximately three weeks later than usual. The warmer sites in the Barossa Valley excelled, with healthy open canopies producing high-quality grapes with small berries. The approach to harvest was met with warm days and cool nights. Despite the climatic adversities experienced in spring, the vintage concluded with yields and quality that surpassed early season expectations.

COLOUR

Dark purple core.

NOSE

Blueberry, mulberry, and boysenberry come to the forefront, accented by a hint of dark cherry. A subtle floral note of violets is present, alongside the scent of blackberry confectionery and the aroma of summer berry pudding. Fragrant notes of cedar and sandalwood emerge, accompanied by a mix of warm spices, including cinnamon, nutmeg, and a hint of cardamom and pimento. Wafts of vanilla bean and freshly-dusted donuts emerge. The sweet aromas are balanced by woody, graphite notes. A hint of cordite smoke adds a final flourish.

PALATE

The balance between fruit and oak is seamless. There is notable tension, supported by a fine line of acidity that carries the rich, saturated flavours of black fruits and Satsuma plums. The tannins are present but nuanced, providing a fine, smooth texture to the wine. It glides across the palate with precision. Generous flavours of cherry-infused chocolate and hazelnut praline accompanied by hints of cola and sarsaparilla. A touch of cracked black pepper and nutmeg adds subtle complexity, enhancing the overall sense of balance.

PEAK DRINKING

Now - 2048

LAST TASTED

March 2025