



MEDLANDS VINEYARD

PLATINUM LABEL

BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ

2012

THE DISTINCTIVE TERROIR OF THE MEDLANDS VINEYARD IS UNIQUELY EXPRESSED THROUGH THIS EXCEPTIONALLY FOCUSED SHIRAZ, DISPLAYING ITS HALLMARK INTENSITY AND PURITY OF FRUIT, A TIGHT, ELEGANT STRUCTURE, DEFINITIVE LINE AND FLAWLESS BALANCE.

The distinguished Medlands Vineyard lies within an exceptional pocket of ground at Dorrien on the central north Barossa Valley floor, a site long renowned for growing outstanding Shiraz. Gently sloping towards the North Para River, the microclimate benefits from cooling breezes flowing down-river from the foothills and enjoys optimum sunlight, low rainfall and low humidity.

The vineyard is comprised of ancient soils ranging from loamy sands over light clays to sandy loams over medium clays, laid down 5 million years ago when an uplift of the Eastern ranges and a sinking of the valley floor caused the central valley to fill with sediments. This unique *terroir* results in Shiraz of purity, elegance, tight structure and flawless balance.



WINE SPECIFICATIONS

VINEYARD REGION	<i>Medlands Vineyard, Dorrien, Barossa Valley</i>
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	<i>A near-perfect growing season at Medlands Vineyard began with good winter rainfall which, with an early, warm start to spring, allowed the vines to develop healthy canopies. Windy conditions at flowering affected fruit set, reducing bunch and berry size. Mild days and cool nights during ripening allowed for optimal fruit development with exceptional balance, good natural acidity and bright, rich varietal character.</i>
GRAPE VARIETY	<i>Shiraz</i>
MATURATION	<i>22 months maturation in 75% new and 25% one-year-old French oak barriques.</i>
WINE ANALYSIS	<i>Alc/Vol: 14.0% Acidity: 7.2 g/L pH: 3.57</i>
PEAK DRINKING	<i>2016 to 2042. This wine will develop with age, softening and mellowing to reward many years of careful cellaring.</i>
FOOD MATCH	<i>Great with chargrilled beef fillet with truffles and Shiraz jus or Cantonese roast goose.</i>

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

COLOUR	<i>Vibrant rich purple.</i>
NOSE	<i>Concentrated crushed blueberry, blackberry and Satsuma plum characters dominate the nose, complemented by underlying dark aromas of bittersweet chocolate, freshly ground coffee beans and evident, though well integrated fragrant, spicy oak.</i>
PALATE	<i>An elegant yet opulent palate replete with dark berry fruits covering the spectrum from boysenberry through to blackberry and blueberry. Secondary characters of chocolate, chinotto and coffee beans add complexity, creating rich tiers of flavour. Fine French oak ties the wine together with focus and structure, and with a supple, silky texture, definitive line and fine, persistent tannins, gives rise to a wine of great stature and presence.</i>

Winemaker: Steven Frost