

2020 GLAETZER BISHOP



Glaetzer Bishop is a true expression of Barossa Shiraz that is elegantly structured with a long finish.

Variety:

100% Shiraz

Vineyards:

Exceptional old vine fruit was sourced from the famed Ebenezer sub district at the northern tip of the Barossa Valley. Vine age 35—120 years old. Yield 3 tonnes per hectare.

Vintage Conditions:

The 2020 vintage offered us so much in quality, but so little in quantity. The dry year leading up to vintage, 2019 being the driest year on record, was always going to lead to a reduced crop. This was amplified by frost in October affecting flowering. Smaller bunches with smaller berries were then offered the reprieve of a cooler January and February in contrast to the previous year. The result is very low yields, but wonderful quality and character. Shiraz stands out as the quality leader for the vintage, offering extraordinary colour and flavour.

Vinification:

Fermented in 1 and 2 tonne open fermenters. Extended maceration was employed to enable good tannin development so the wine is soft and approachable early. Matured for 16 months in a mix of 40% new oak and 60% 2—3 year old oak hogshead barrels (90% French / 10% American).

Tasting Notes

Colour: Vibrant dark red with purple hues.

Aroma: Subtle yet expressive, black cherries, dried spice and licorice.

Palate: This vintage of Bishop is amazingly expressive and approachable for a wine of such depth. It is both bright and complex and with convincingly silky texture. Flavours of dark cherry, blackberry, dark chocolate and multiple dried spices are supported by restrained tannin. Look for the classic calling card of palate length and persistence.

Peak Drinking: Great drinking now but this wine will also benefit from up to 10 - 15 years of careful cellaring.

Wine Analysis

Alcohol 14.5%
Total Acidity 6.7g/l
pH 3.43
Residual Sugar 0.51g/l