Orlando



2017 ORLANDO CENTENARY HILL SHIRAZ - BAROSSA VALLEY

OVERVIEW

A complex and characterful Barossa Shiraz exhibiting modern winemaking techniques overlayed on a traditional and subregional core. Sourced from vines ranging from 1 years up to a staggering 96 years old in the Southern Barossa. Careful cellaring will see this wine develop elegantly for up to 20 years.

COLOUR

Medium deep red crimson.

AROMA

Savoury small goods, dark plum and cherry cedar with hints of coconut.

TASTE

A medium bodied palate for Centenary Hill, reflective of the cooler, wetter vintage. The wine shows most savoury spice and pepper than either the 2016 or 2018 vintages, but still delivers rich dark berry fruits and delicious generous lashings of oak.

ENJOY WITH

Medium rare rump steak with pepper sauce.

IDEAL DRINKING WINDOW

Now to 2035

HARVEST DATE

15th March 2017 to 28th March 2017

BOTTLING DATE

September 2018



REGION

Barossa Valley

GRAPE VARIETIES

Shiraz 100%

VINEYARDS

Sourced from blocks aged between 11 and 96 years old in the Southern Barossa, which are known to impart regional savoury flavours of dark chocolate and spice as well as dark berry and cherry fruits. The older vines produce small, low yielding crops with intensely flavoured berries, which lend a dense red colour and ripe sweet tannins to the wines they produce. Younger vines in neighbouring sites were useful in 2017 to increase the brighter fruit characters required to make a complete wine in this challenging vintage.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The 2017 vintage was preceded by a very wet Spring, floods were seen across many areas of the Barossa Valley. Further rains arrived in early summer allowed supporting good crop levels and vegetative growth to support them. The vines enjoyed excellent water availability through the growing season. Moving towards the later ripening period the weather was drier but mild, resulting in later ripening times than recent vintages. Good vineyard management was required to produce premium fruit in what is considered a challenging vintage, but the rewards can be seen in well produced top wines from this year.

WINEMAKING

Five separate parcels were blended to produce the 2017 Orlando Centenary Hill Shiraz:

Parcel	Vine Year	Percent of Blend	Fermenter Type	Days on Skins	Whole Bunch	Whole Berry	Crushed
1	1921	28%	Open	14	27%	0%	73%
2	1921	17%	Static	15	17%	0%	83%
3	2006	33%	Open	12	0%	0%	100%
4	2002	17%	Open	12	0%	0%	100%
5	1994	6%	Oak Vat	12	30%	70%	0%

All components completed malo-lactic fermentation in barrel before being racked and returned for maturation. The parcels were matured in a variety of oak for 17 months (100& 300L hogsheads). Oak regime:

50% new American oak
6% old French oak
44% new French oak

WINE ANALYSIS

14.5% alcohol/volume
6.5g/L total acid
3.57 pH

