

LANGMEIL  THE LONG MILE

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BAROSSA

## The Freedom 1843 Shiraz

### Story Behind the Wine

Langmeil is home to The Freedom Shiraz vineyard, which we believe was planted in 1843 by vigneron Christian Auricht. Escaping war and persecution in Prussia, Auricht travelled to his new homeland, finding Freedom in the Barossa Valley. His original plantings survive to this day and at 170 years old are some of the oldest and rarest vines in the world.

### The Winery

The Lindner family of Langmeil Winery has been immersed in the Barossa's culture of farming, food, wine and community for six generations. Their commitment to quality in all aspects is unwavering and any wine that bears the Langmeil name represents the family's pursuit of excellence in wine and community.

*True to the Region · True to the Community · True to Ourselves*

## Winemaker's Notes

### 2013 Vintage Report

2013 was definitely a vintage of highs and lows. Fortunately the highs were the quality of grapes across all varieties. The lows unfortunately were the yields, with some Shiraz vineyards down by 50% - 80% as a result of extremely low rainfall during winter and spring. The Barossa Valley received only half of its average rainfall between July 2012 and March 2013 creating a very stressful environment for grape growing, especially for dry grown vineyards like the Freedom which yielded less than one tonne per acre. The low yields ripened early and quickly so vintage kicked off two weeks early, with a mad rush to keep ahead of rapidly rising sugar levels. A large percentage of our harvest was completed before March and for the first time ever we were finished with picking well before ANZAC day and our Bella Rouge Rose was in the bottle by mid-May. Overall the quality was high with intense colour and flavour, ripe tannins and surprisingly good acidity with most red parcels and the whites showing great varietal character and acid balance. I'm extremely happy with the 2013 wines, there just won't be as much of them to share.

*Paul Lindner, Chief Winemaker*

**Colour:** Deep crimson with purple hues.

**Aroma:** An intense aroma of ripe Satsuma plum, mocha and cookie dough, mingle with hints of cedar, violets and sweet spice.

**Palate:** Rich, sweet fruit is balanced wonderfully with briary and sweet spice and lovely, silky tannins. A full bodied, textured wine showing great complexity with hints of cedar and biscuit and in combination, flows through to the lengthy, fruitful and spicy finish.

**Cellaring:** 2016 - 2030



### Vintage

2013

### Country of Origin

Australia

### Geographic Indicator

Barossa Valley

### Grape Composition

100% Shiraz

### Oak Treatment

76% new and 24% old French oak Hogsheads and Barriques

### Time in Oak

25 months

### Vine Age

1843 plantings

### Sub Regional Source

Single vineyard - at the winery property in Tanunda

### Yield per Acre

1.5 - 2 Tonne per Acre

### Trellising

Single wire Rod & Spur with catch wire

### Soil Type

Dark, rich loam over limestone & ironstone, to red clay over limestone & ironstone

### Harvest Details

20th of February 2013

### Technical Analysis

Alcohol: 15.0%

pH: 3.37

TA: 6.90 g/L

Residual Sugar: 2.70 g/L

VA: 0.63g/L