THE FREEDOM 1843 SHIRAZ

STORY BEHIND THE WINE

Langmeil is home to The Freedom Shiraz vineyard, which is believed to be 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 169 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. The family's vision is to highlight the rare qualities of old vine Shiraz using hands-on winemaking techniques. Gentle destemming, open fermentation, basket pressing and two years in French oak accentuate the natural fruit intensity and structure.

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

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

2012 VINTAGE REPORT

Great winter rains in 2011 saw vines flourish leading into the season ahead. A reasonably mild summer with only a couple of heat spikes meant vintage kicked off to a normal start in the third week of February. Early ripening Shiraz parcels, early picked Riesling and Cabernet Sauvignon for Bella Rouge showed the true potential of the vintage. A timely rain at the end of February brought with it a very mild and dry autumn, with lovely cool nights and a more gentle pace for ripening which allowed vintage to run smoothly, ending mid-April with beautifully ripened Eden Valley Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and Mataro. Overall, quality excelled with all varieties, making classification difficult yet exemplary. Just the way I like it. I'm excited!

Paul Lindner, Chief Winemaker

COLOUR: Medium depth crimson with purple hues.

AROMA: A rich and intense aroma of ripe Satsuma plum, mocha and ANZAC cookies mingle with hints of cedar, violets and sweet spice.

PALATE: Sweet, juicy fruit is balanced wonderfully with briary and sweet spice and lovely, silky tannins. A medium bodied wine showing great complexity with savoury hints, cedar and biscuit, which, in combination flows through to the lengthy, fruitful and spicy finish.

CELLARING: 2014-2029



VINTAGE 2012

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN Australia

GEOGRAPHIC INDICATOR Barossa Valley

GRAPE COMPOSITION 100% Shiraz

OAK TREATMENT 69% new and 31% old French oak Hogsheads and Barriques

TIME IN OAK 24 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

HARVEST DETAILS 2rd of March 2012

limestone & ironstone

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS Alcohol: 14.6%

pH: 3.43 TA: 6.70 g/L

Residual Sugar: 0.40 g/L

VA: 0.55g/L