

LANGMEIL  THE LONG MILE

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BAROSSA

## Orphan Bank Shiraz

### Story Behind the Wine

Orphan Bank is testament to Langmeil's commitment to preserving old and rare Barossa vineyards. Ten rows of Shiraz planted pre-1860 were saved from the developer's bulldozer and replanted alongside the original Langmeil vineyard on the banks of the River Para. We called these ten rows the "Orphans" but after 150 years they have a new home.

### 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

### 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:** Medium depth crimson with purple hues.

**Aroma:** A rich aroma of red and blue fruits, violets and cedar, entwine with hints of sage, chocolate and white pepper spice.

**Palate:** Juicy Raspberry and Satsuma plum fills the mouth, with oak sweetness adding to the mouthfeel. Well balanced with briary and white pepper spice and textured, fine tannin.

**Cellaring:** 2015 - 2030



**Vintage**  
2013

**Country of Origin**  
Australia

**Geographic Indicator**  
Barossa

**Grape Composition**  
100% Shiraz

**Oak Treatment**  
56% new and 44% seasoned  
French Oak Hogsheads

**Time in Oak**  
24 months

**Vine Age**  
Average age 104+ year old vines

**Sub Regional Source**  
68% Barossa Valley / 32% Eden Valley

**Yield per Acre**  
1.5 - 2 Tonnes per Acre

**Trellising**  
Mostly single wire permanent arm

**Soil Type**  
Barossa Valley - Red clay over limestone & ironstone  
Eden Valley - Decomposed granite, sandy loam

**Harvest Details**  
13<sup>th</sup> Feb - 20<sup>th</sup> March

**Technical Analysis**  
Alcohol: 14.5%  
pH: 3.42  
TA: 7.1 g/L  
Residual Sugar: 2.48 g/L  
VA: 0.60 g/L