



Langmeil  
BAROSSA

## THE FREEDOM 1843 SHIRAZ

### STORY BEHIND THE WINE

Langmeil Winery is home to The Freedom Shiraz, 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. The original plantings still survive and 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.

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

### 2017 VINTAGE REPORT

The Barossa experienced a wetter and cooler (2°C) than average winter and spring with good soil moisture levels. Vines grew slowly but healthily, mostly flowering well and setting a good number of bunches. Temperatures were below average in December and January with few heat spikes and rains of 40mm spread evenly over four events kept the vines healthy with unhurried veraison. The 30-40mm summer rain of 4-6 February were followed by windy conditions and four consecutive 37°C days, helping to dry out canopies and preventing berry split. Additionally, soil moisture levels were topped-up, maintaining the canopies during a cooler than average summer. The rest of February remained dry, and a warm March (average maximum temperature 28°C) saw the beginning of an Indian Summer which lasted until the third week of April with above average temperatures (2.5°C). Perfect grape ripening weather with balanced sugars, colours and natural acidity. These conditions resulted in a later harvest, some three to four weeks, than recent years, which was a return to 'normal'. The delayed harvest allowed grapes to ripen more slowly and evenly with a gradual accumulation of sugars and flavours, which is what we look for when making high-quality Barossa wines. The yields were around 20-30% higher than the five-year average. Eden Valley Riesling is predicted to be a stand-out this year and another great year for Barossa Valley Shiraz which promises to deliver an array of styles from bright and aromatic wines from the earlier-picked vineyards through to concentrated, intense and well-structured wines.

*Paul Lindner, Chief Winemaker*

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

**Aroma:** An intense aroma of ripe Satsuma plum, mocha, vanilla and savoury notes combine with hints of cedar and sweet spices.

**Palate:** Rich, sweet fruit is balanced wonderfully with briary and sweet spices and lovely, silky tannins. A full-bodied, textural wine, showing great complexity with hints of cedar and allspice flowing through to the lengthy, brambly fruit finish.

**Cellaring:** 2019-2034.



### VINTAGE

2017

### COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Australia

### GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION

Barossa Valley

### GRAPE COMPOSITION

100% Shiraz

### OAK TREATMENT

44% new and 56% seasoned French oak hogsheads and barriques

### TIME IN OAK

Twenty-four months

### VINE AGE

174 years

### SUB REGIONAL SOURCE

Langmeil Winery, Tanunda

### YIELD PER ACRE

2 tonnes per acre

### TRELLISING

Single wire rod and spur with catch wire

### SOIL TYPE

Dark, rich loam to red clay over ironstone and limestone

### HARVEST DETAILS

31 March

### TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 15%

pH: 3.41

TA: 6.18 g/L

Residual Sugar: 2.5 g/L

VA: 0.54g/L

### FOOD MATCH

Kangaroo steak with plum sauce; lamb shanks; grilled or roast beef; hard matured cheese.

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