



THE FREEDOM 1843 SHIRAZ

STORY BEHIND THE WINE

Langmeil Winery is home to The Freedom 1843 Shiraz, believed to be planted by vigneron Christian Auricht in 1843. 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. 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' maturation in French oak accentuate the natural

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

2016 VINTAGE REPORT

We are getting used to sampling earlier each year, and in 2016, for the first time, a parcel of Shiraz was nearly booked in for the end of January. Fortunately, timely rain and mild conditions delayed the start of vintage, allowing flavour and colour to catch up with sugar levels. With the dry winter and a slightly warmer spring, favourable flowering and fruit set, yields were generally little above average (except our Eden Valley vineyard which was hit by frost on 1 December, yes, December!). Followed by mild, late summer weather, both growers and winemakers were happy to see another solid vintage tucked away.

By early March, 70% of our harvest was complete and with another sprinkling of rain, vintage slowed, building flavour in the late-ripening varieties like Grenache and Mataro, as well as excellent results from our Eden Valley reds and whites. We finished harvest with our Eden Valley Cabernet Sauvignon on 15 April. This vintage highlights how tenacious and robust grape vines are, producing good yields and high quality in a dry season (but they cannot sustain dry conditions forever). Fortunately, a more normal winter this year with much-needed rain is refilling the soil and water resources. Bring it on!

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, textured wine, showing great complexity with hints of cedar and allspice flowing through to the lengthy, brambly fruit finish.

Cellaring: 2018-2033.

True to the Region • True to the Community • True to Ourselves

VINTAGE

2016

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Australia

GEOGRAPHIC INDICATOR

Barossa Valley

GRAPE COMPOSITION

100% Shiraz

OAK TREATMENT

70% new and 30% seasoned French oak hogsheads and barriques

TIME IN OAK

26 months

VINE AGE

173 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

4 March

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 14.5%

pH: 3.35

TA: 6.5 g/L

Residual Sugar: 2.66 g/L

VA: 0.59g/L

FOOD MATCH

Kangaroo steak with plum sauce; Lamb shanks; Grilled or roast beef; hard matured cheese.

