



BLACK BEAUTY MALBEC

STORY BEHIND THE WINE

Malbec is a historic variety originally native to south-west France, whose centre of gravity moved to the southern hemisphere in the late twentieth century. It is renowned for its age worthy, deeply coloured rich and smooth wines. Here in the Barossa it makes a real Black Beauty of a wine.

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: Medium depth crimson with purple hues.

Aroma: An elegant aroma of blue fruits and rhubarb mingle with violets and spice.

Palate: Juicy blue fruits, herbal and brambly spice come together in this medium-bodied wine with fine, savoury tannins adding to the mouthfeel. The fresh and bright fruit flows through with a slight savoury and spicy finish.

Cellaring: 2019 - 2026



VINTAGE
2017

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
Australia

GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION
Barossa Valley

GRAPE COMPOSITION
90% Malbec / 5% Petit Verdot / 5% Petite Sirah

OAK TREATMENT
Seventeen months in seasoned American oak

VINE AGE
Six and 35+ years

YIELD PER ACRE
2.5 – 3 tonnes per acre

TRELLISING
Single wire, spur pruned with catch wire

SOIL TYPE
Deep sand over red and yellow clay

HARVEST DETAILS
18 April and 4 May

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS
Alcohol: 14%
pH: 3.5
TA: 6.3g/L
Residual Sugar: 2.3g/L
VA: 0.47g/L

FOOD MATCH
Beef tenderloin; cassoulet; turkey; roast pork.

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