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2020 HEAD 'THE BRUNETTE'

Shiraz

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'The Brunette' will always represent the 'dark-side'of Shiraz in the Barossa. We look to sites that will give us more structure, power and comfort for the traditional Barossa Shiraz drinker. The wine is given every opportunity to become a 'Vin-de Garde' or 'cellaring style'. The reward will come with patience.

From 2019 the base Shiraz comes from a vineyard planted circa 1929, in the Flaxman Valley at 480m altitude. The vineyard has a perfect easterly aspect and gradient to catch the morning sun and is shaded from the late heat of the day. The soils are lean orange clays with mixed ironstone and some scattered quartz, producing optimum conditions for dark, savoury fruits and fine, structured tannins.

The 2020 vintage of 'The Brunette' is currently offered via 'Allocations' to private members and will be released to the public in August 2022.

Alex Head

Huon Hooke
The Real Review

95 Pts

"Deep red/purple colour, with a spicy-meaty bouquet of young and slightly callow shiraz, alluring in its smoky and faintly vegetal Rhône-like complexity. The wine is elegantly framed with quite assertive but very supple tannins, the overall impression being of a delicious slinky texture. Long, long carry. A stylish shiraz."



RAINFALL:	321ml (April '19-March 20 avg. 471ml)
VINEYARD:	Flaxman Valley at 480m elevation Farmed sustainably with organic principles
VARIETAL:	100% Shiraz (EVOV clone)
VINE AGE:	90 years
SOIL/ROCK:	Red clay, quartz & ironstone
AVG. YIELD:	1.0t/a or 17hl/h
PRODUCTION:	150 cases
VINIFICATION:	2t open top stainless Steel, indigenous yeast, 15% whole-bunch, two week ferment, hand-plunging & pumpover twice daily
MATURATION:	On fine lees, 30% new French 228L, 600L
BOTTLING:	July 21, minimal So2, unfined
ACIDITY:	5.9 g/l
ALCOHOL:	14.7%

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