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2020 HEAD ‘THE CONTRARIAN’

Shiraz

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Each vintage I like to express the Barossa in a contrary manner. ‘The Contrarian’ is my indulgent, creative winemaking outlet and challenges traditional concepts around Barossan Shiraz.

We source Shiraz from vineyards in the Eden Valley which develop flavour at lower than usual alcohols and show ripeness in their stems too. We use a different medium for fermentation in cement; which holds the acidity and tannins in a fresher light. We mature (instead of age) the wine in oak that is 10 times larger than a traditional barrel and bottle a little earlier too.

We love what we see in this expression of the Barossa and feel it is a style worthy of your table. *Alex Head*

RAINFALL:	321ml (April ‘19-March 20 avg. 471ml)
VINEYARD:	Flaxman Valley (100% Eden Valley) at 480m elevation
VARIETAL:	100% Shiraz
VINE AGE:	35 years
SOIL/ROCK:	Red/orange clay, ironstone & quartz
AVG. YIELD:	2.0t/a or 34hl/h
PRODUCTION:	250 cases
VINIFICATION:	3t open top cement fermenter, indigenous yeast, 50% whole-bunch, two-week ferment, hand-plunging & pumpover twice daily
MATURATION:	12 months on fine lees in neutral French barrels
BOTTLING:	March 21, minimal So2
ACIDITY:	5.4g/l
ALCOHOL:	13.7%

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