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BAROSSA

2020 OLD VINE

Shiraz

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A blend of the original Penfolds RWT vineyard in Nuriootpa, planted circa 1890, and a vineyard in Stone Well (near The Blonde) planted in 1970. We do not push the ripeness here and instead ferment with 10% whole bunch and a gentler extraction. Combine this with only 20% new Burgundian barriques for 12 months and the wonderful richness and sweetness of 'Old Vine' fruit remains in focus. Its flamboyance will surely blossom when approached by richer protein dishes. Bottled unfined under Stelvin capsule. *Alex Head*

Stuart Knox
The Real Review

93 Pts

"Deep and intense ruby-red hue. Mulberry, violets and pepper aromas. Dark fruits drive the palate, some savoury dark-mineral notes are seen along with a hint of exotic spice but it's the intense fruit that is the star here. Fine and supple tannins guide it to the long finish. A lot to like here and a great example of the purity of fruit the region can present."



RAINFALL:	321ml (April '19-March 20 avg. 471ml)
VINEYARD:	Stone Well, Nuriootpa, Flaxman Valley & Moculta at 260-480m elevation (50% Eden Valley, 50% Barossa Valley)
VARIETAL:	95% Shiraz, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon
VINE AGE:	35 to 130 years
SOIL/ROCK:	Red/yellow clay, limestone, quartz & ironstone
AVG. YIELD:	2.0t/a or 34hl/h
PRODUCTION:	300 cases
VINIFICATION:	2t open top, indigenous yeast, two week ferment, hand-plunging & pumpover twice daily
MATURATION:	On fine lees, 20% new French oak all 228L
BOTTLING:	March 21, minimal So2
ACIDITY:	5.6g/l
ALCOHOL:	14.6%

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