

# HEAD

BAROSSA

## 2023 HEAD 'THE BLONDE'

*Shiraz*  
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Head Wines now works with a diverse range of up to 20 different Shiraz vineyards in the Barossa and Eden Valleys. To be considered part of 'The Blonde' a vineyard must perform amongst the few top vineyards each year and have well-defined perfumes, textures and supple tannins.

For 2023, 'The Blonde' came from a vineyard planted at Ebenezer in the Barossa Valley GI. The Shiraz (at 320m elevation) was planted circa 1893 on an east-west downwards slope protected by the afternoon sun. The soils are deep white/yellow sand over limestone and orange/red clay.

It is worth noting that I am trying to pursue finesse and elegance with this wine, always thinking about how to make the wine better, not bigger. The only additions made to this wine is some new oak and I hope you feel the same uninterrupted flow, harmony and pleasantness that I feel it should convey. *Alex Head*

The 2023 vintage of 'The Blonde' will be released for sale in September of 2025.

Ken Gargett  
Winepilot



*"An opaque maroon colour, this is big, bold and plush, dense but dancing. There are notes of mocha, chocolate, mulberries and plums. The oak has been deftly handled. There is good intensity, richness and ripeness, which runs the full, very extensive, length. Satiny tannins, good energy and fine acidity all present and correct. Enjoy this for the next fifteen years."*



The Real Review Classification of Australian Wine  
**1 Merit Wine**



RAINFALL:	573ml (April '22-March '23 avg. 438ml)
VINEYARD:	Ebenezer at 320m elevation
VARIETAL:	100% Shiraz
VINE AGE:	Planted circa 1893 (131y.o.)
SOIL/ROCK:	Grey/white/yellow sand over limestone & red/orange clay
AVG. YIELD:	1.t/a or 19hl/h
PRODUCTION:	47 dozen
VINIFICATION:	1t open top stainless steel, indigenous yeast, two-week ferment, hand-plunging & pump-over twice daily
MATURATION:	15 months on fine lees, 1 x new, 1 x old French oak 225L
BOTTLING:	July '24, minimal So2, unfined & unfiltered
ACIDITY:	5.7 g/l
ALCOHOL:	14.5%