

THE LAIRD 2021



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BAROSSA VALLEY



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AS ONE OF THE MOST REVERED SITES
IN THE BAROSSA VALLEY, THE LAIRD
VINEYARD EFFORTLESSLY SHOWCASES
THE POWER, COMPLEXITY AND
LONGEVITY OF BAROSSA SHIRAZ

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In Scottish terminology, 'The Laird' refers to the Lord of the Manor.

This south facing vineyard, nestled in the ridge between Seppeltsfield and Marananga and planted in 1958, demonstrates its unique soil structure, micro-climate and distinctive clone resulting in a wine of extraordinary power and restraint.

Meticulously hand-tended, the five-acre vineyard yields low quantities of small, concentrated berries, resulting in a powerful and luxurious wine, with a dense, complex and alluring palate that can be cellared for decades in one's collection of the finest wines of the world.

VINTAGE

The 2021 summer growing season was mild, with even and cool daily temperatures throughout. Enhanced by good rains provided during the winter and spring of 2020, our vineyards grew wonderful canopies and developed well-formed grape bunches. As a result of this long flavour development cycle in the vineyard, 2021's signature is wines of high aromatic lift with densely coloured tints and exceptional balance.

TASTING

Deep Aubergine with an opaque core. Luxurious and alluring black and blue fruits such as satsuma plum, blackberry, black cherry and cassis fill the bouquet, complimented by savoury notes of olive brine, tar, bay leaf, vanilla pod and black tea. The wine has wonderful complexity and charm that excites the senses. Alluring spices such as cinnamon and liquorice meld further into the complexing amalgam of flavours. The palate possesses great fruit depth and a degree of elegance, displaying wonderful harmony and posture with firm tight tannins holding the fruit and the structure together, with the typicity of ironstone minerality that is evident from Marananga's western ridge, showing a ferrous like element that complements the palate. Not for the faint hearted, it's a wine that needs time to offer its best. A wine that will live for generations.

Enjoy from 2026 and cellar to 2060+. Serve at 16C/60F with prime cuts, roast BBQ Pork or vintage cheddar.

VARIETY:	100% Shiraz
VINEYARD:	Gnadenfrei Vineyard, Planted 1958
SUB-REGION:	Marananga
HARVEST:	20th March 2021
MATURATION:	36 months in new French oak barriques coopered by Dominique Laurent and known as 'Magic Casks'
ANALYSIS:	Alc/Vol 15.5% pH 3.65 Acidity 6.14g/L
COLOUR:	Deep Crimson with aubergine core.
AROMA:	Aromatic lifted black fruits of blackberry, satsuma plum and black cherry then intertwined with liquorice, cinnamon and herbal notes of Bay leaf, vanilla pod and sarsaparilla root.
PALATE:	Full bodied, round and plush. The palate has a multitude of complexities balanced by layers of silken like texture, firm tannins and a long finish.
CELLAR:	30 years plus
