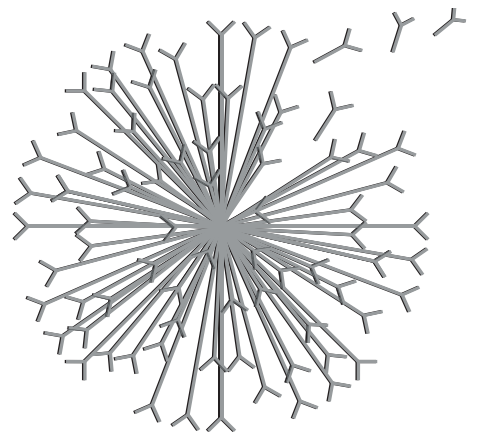




Lionheart of the Barossa Shiraz 2024

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Barossa's Shiraz is Dandelion Vineyard's Lionheart...



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Background

Dandelion Vineyards is a unique fusion of vineyards and vigneron. Our wines represent decades of experience, blending the fruit of our old vine gardens with the finest traditions of artisan winemaking.

Dandelion Vineyards are proven plantings that have stood the test of time. Our wish is to nurture the unique character of these vineyards and express their terroir in our wines.

Our Lionheart is so named after Barossa's lifelong champion of old vines, Carl Lindner. This wine comes from ancient, gnarled vines, some approaching and many over a hundred years of age that not only survive but thrive on their own roots in some of the oldest soils on the planet.

In the third week of March whole bunches of Shiraz were hand harvested, then gently crushed and naturally fermented in open fermenters for eight days, hand plunged twice a day, before careful basket pressing into some new but predominantly older French and American Oak Barriques to finish fermentation. After 18 months maturation and a racking in the same oak, we bottled our Lionheart with minimal winemaking artifact, to capture the essence and purity of the vines. Dandelion Vineyards Lionheart is ready to drink and will reward cellaring and decanting.

Wish you were here...

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Tasting Notes

Colour

Deep, deeply, black-purple and impenetrable. The rim edge glistens with vivid violet and garnet hues.

Nose

Aniseed and ripe plum aromas, with hints of bay leaves and eucalypt. It is a herbal and slightly minty aromaticity, with just the faintest, faintest whiff of oak's bouquet: coffee, dark chocolate and cedar.

Palate

This is both a textural and plushly fruit-powered red wine. The textural element comes principally in the form of the tiny, powdery, finely-grained tannins. The plush fruit is just what Barossan shiraz is all about. It is its DNA. Yet, here, it is in no way stereotypical. Here we have an evolving Barossan red: there is savouriness underlining the riper plum, blackberry and raisin flavours; there is a noted and noteworthy line of clean acidity that runs through the palate, keeping those fruit flavours pert and almost balletic; and there is a lifted and upright quality that might surprise - in the best possible way - lovers of this region's shiraz.

Drink

The nuance this red wine possesses makes it quite a versatile wine with regard to not just foodstuffs, but people, too. Those guests that decry "heavy reds" and constantly ask for pinot will be more than happy when you serve this with Chinese Roasted Duck, or perhaps a slowly prepared and cooked Cassoulet. A barbecued pork chop and sauerkraut? Why not..

Specifics

Composition: 100% Shiraz
Alcohol: 14.5%
Latitude 34°38'10" South
Longitude 139°05'30" East
Altitude 1441 Feet = 440 Metres

