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Varieties	Shiraz
Region	Barossa Valley, SA - Halliday Vintage Rating 9/10
Wine making notes	Barossa Valley has a global reputation for producing some of the world's greatest Shiraz. Sourced from a single vineyard own rootstock site in Light Pass in the heart of the Barossa Valley. Open fermenters used with cultured yeast added one day following destemming. Cold soaked for one day followed by seven days on skins during ferment. Matured in a combination of 10% new American oak and older French oak for 12 months. The Artisan Reserve Barossa Valley Shiraz 2018 is an extraordinary example of how exceptional Barossa and Shiraz can be.
Colour	Deep red with a vibrant purple hue.
Nose	Alluring and lifted aromas of blackcurrant, plums, vanilla and oaky spices.
Palate	The palate is full bodied, rich and complex with a classy array of pure berry fruit characters making this a complete wine. This is a powerful wine delivered in a silky smooth textured package. Cellar potential of 10+ years.
Awards	<p>Great Gold Medal (95+ points) – 2019 International Wine Awards Gold Medal – 2020 Catavinum World Wine & Spirits Competition Gold Medal (95 points / 5 stars) – Wine Showcase Gold Medal – 2020 China Wine & Spirits Awards Best Value Gold Medal – 2019 Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge</p> <p><i>Dense colour with vibrant red highlights. Very expressive nose marrying ripe red fruits & a mineral, peppery tone. Lovely silky texture, harmony, fruit expression & persistent spice on the palate. A Syrah with a deliciously exotic edge.</i></p>
Reviews	<p>96 points (5 stars) – Leo Daly, Wine Matrix Deep red/purple in the glass, the nose delights with violet and floral notes. As a 2018 vintage Barossa shiraz, expecting a bold style it surprised. The fruit was evident - plum, spice and white pepper and the stealth winemaking complimented the old and new oak together with a touch of MLF. The palate is full bodied and layered with a sweet balance. The finish was evident in the silky smooth delivery package. Enjoy it now, however it will be super delightful in 6 years.</p> <p>95 points (5 stars) – Sam Kim, Wine Orbit Gorgeously fruited and sweetly perfumed, the wine shows Black Doris plum, cranberry, vanilla and cedar characters on the nose with a touch of spice complexity. It is wonderfully weighted and concentrated on the palate, offering terrific fruit purity and plush texture, backed by loads of silky tannins. At its best: 2020 to 2030.</p> <p>94 points (4 stars) – Huon Hooke, The Real Review Deep red/purple youthful colour, intense and bright. The bouquet is floral and blueberry-like, with violet-like notes and a soft, quite elegant palate with gentle, well-groomed tannins. There's a core of sweet fruit in the centre and the wine is long and harmonious with lovely plush, silken tannins. Oak is subtle; superbly handled. There are spicy and herbal notes throughout, and the ripeness is spot-on. Excellent wine. Drink 2019 to 2039</p> <p>94 points – Gourmet Traveller Wine, Dec 2019 / Jan 2020 – Top New Release Australian Reds Deep, dark, bright colour and a similarly fresh bouquet resonant with blueberry, plum and violet/floral nuances. It has a strong core of sweet fruit and an elegant profile, with well-groomed tannins. Long, silky textured and harmonious. Cellar potential 20 years.</p> <p>93 points – Rob Geddes MW This already mellow with its Barossa fruit sweetness showing as dark plum sauce, cooked with cloves and the old oak adds a vanilla toast background. In the mouth bold Barossa up front soft tannins, smoothly ripe and long with tannin and fruit evenness.</p>
Alcohol	14.5%
RRP	\$60.00

