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Allegiance Wines The Artisan Barossa Valley Shiraz 2016

Varieties	Shiraz
Region	Barossa Valley, SA
Wine making notes	Barossa Valley has a global reputation for producing some of Australia's and the world's greatest Shiraz. The Artisan Barossa Valley Shiraz 2016 is an extraordinary example of how exceptional Barossa and Shiraz can be. Blended from several clones, crushed / destemmed prior to stainless static fermenters with a cultured yeast added during the crush. 6-9 days on skins. Matured in a mix of new, 2, 3, 4 and 5 year old French and American oak for 10 months.
Colour	Deep red brick with purple hues
Nose	Aromas of lingering ripe red berries with hint of spice and pepper
Palate	The palate unfolds in many layers of dark, rich fruit intertwined with attractive subtle oak showing generous cherry, ripe plum and dark chocolate. The wine is supported by luscious velvety fine tannins leading to a long and elegant finish. This is a powerful wine restrained by its obvious class. Cellar potential of 15+ years.
Awards	<p>Gold Medal (96) – 2017 Royal Melbourne Wine Awards Gold Medal (95) – 2017 National Wine Show Gold Medal – 2018 China Wine & Spirits Awards Best Value Gold Medal – 2018 Catavinum World Wine & Spirits Competition Gold Medal (93) – Gilbert & Gaillard Contours International 2017; Dark crimson tinged with dark purple. Shy nose of red fruits, blueberry jam, fine spices & a floral note. Plush, velvety, fleshy palate showing a sensation of purity & harmony. Very refined, perceptible tannins. A splendid wine needing more bottle time. Gold Medal (93) – Wine Showcase Gold Medal – 2018 International Wine Awards Gold Medal – 2018 China Wine & Spirits Awards</p>
Reviews	<p>95 points (5 Stars) – Sam Kim This is opulent, dense & sumptuous. The gloriously expressed bouquet shows black/blueberry, dark chocolate, game & cedar characters. It is superbly concentrated & richly fruited on the palate, delivering waves of delicious flavours and velvety texture, firmly structured by fine, grainy tannins. A striking shiraz promising to evolve magnificently. At its best: 2019 to 2030.</p> <p>95 points - Vinoemigos 94 points – Greg Swift, Wine Matrix Rich dark plum hues that are the hallmarks of this powerful full bodied Shiraz. All pepper and spice with subtle overtones of smokiness. The wine is ample and bold on the palate and its superb construction delivers its long finish.</p> <p>94 points – Huon Hooke Very deep red/purple colour, the bouquet lovely and fresh, clean and deep in various black fruit aromas. A full bodied, concentrated, profound wine with lush fruit and delicious flavour. A refreshing, clean, firm-tannin finish that resonates on and on, partly as a result of the high alcohol. A textbook shiraz. Big future indicated.</p> <p>93-96 points (4.5 stars; Gold/Silver) – Winewise Championship Richly flavoured, as befits an excellent Barossa shiraz, and it's impressively fresh as well. Not only is it typical and well made, but it will age gracefully.</p> <p>93 points – Patrick Eckel A deep, dark and glossy red in the glass with a nose that shows itself as Barossa Shiraz straight from the get go with generosity of ripe plum and blackberry that has some dark chocolate and lighter spice notes. The wine is full bodied with lush plum and dark cherry that's well supported by sweet oak that gives a touch of smokiness and velvety mouth feel. Tannins are supple and the length is considerable with a touch of raspberry and rhubarb fruit alongside dark plum.</p> <p>93 points – Stephen Read, Wine Matrix</p>
Alcohol	15.0%
RRP	\$60.00

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