

Tasting Notes

This special release from the Schrapel Family Selection commemorates the dedication of Lawrence & Edna Schrapel who, after many years of toiling in the vineyards, passed the stewardship of the property to their sons, the present winemakers of Bethany wines, Geoffrey & Robert. LE Reserve Shiraz expresses to the fullest the true characteristics of Shiraz grown on the foothills of the Barossa.

The fresh, vibrant aromas of wild berries, clove and spice carry onto the full flavoured palate. Tastes of rich varietal flavours of blueberries and plums balanced with fine grain tannins and natural acidity.

Enjoy with slow roasted Moroccan Lamb or at the end of your meal with a chocolate, blueberry ganache.

Vineyard Notes

The Shiraz fruit was sourced from the Schrapel family vineyards and neighbouring vineyards in the Barossa foothills. Traditional viticultural practices were applied across the vineyards with the yield from old vines 6.25t/Ha. The vineyards were hand pruned to 70 buds per vine to limit yield and ensure that only fruit of the finest quality was used in the making of this wine.

Vintage Report

The weather leading up to the 2014 vintage was eclectic in the Barossa. A wet winter followed by frost during November 2013 caused concern among many wineries, but no significant damage was reported. Mild conditions from December to January dominated the Barossa, but was interrupted by a heat spell in late January, with temperatures exceeding 40-degrees. Good vineyard management practices prior to ripening allowed vines to respond well to these conditions. Rains in February allowed vines to ripen better, allowing many growers to pick on flavour ripeness as opposed to fruit sweetness.

Winemaking Report

Grapes received and crushed immediately after the morning harvest and then fermented for 7-14 days on skins to extract colour and flavour. The juice was pumped over skins twice daily until the desired colour and weight was reached. After malolactic fermentation, the wine was transferred into new French oak barrels for 12 months to age.

Reviews

Refreshing style. It places an emphasis on brightness; on succulence. It's complex and structural, but it's bursting to please; it wants you to love it, and for a long time. All about redcurrant fruits, spice, mandarin and smoky oak. Pure but refined pleasure. Behold the alcohol. To 2030. **95 POINTS** - James Halliday Wine Companion 2017

This dark, umbral wine is reserved on the nose, showing only nuances of iron and dried beef. The taste is more forthcoming, with notes of mulch, licorice and ripe blackberries. The palate is nicely integrated, with a touch of acidic tang and streamlined, dusty-textured tannins keeping the pleasant, mouthcoating extraction in check. It is a chunky, densely flavored, somewhat exotic and pure wine that has the potential to please all crowds. There's minerality for the Old World school and fruit for the New World kids. Moreover, there's tremendous fresh fruit concentration and a nicely lingering finish. Drink now-2020. **90 POINTS**- Wine Enthusiast 8/2/2017

Awards

BLUE GOLD	2017 Sydney International Wine Competition
SA HOT 100 WINES	2016 South Australia HOT 100 WINES
SILVER	2016 International Wine Challenge
BRONZE	2016 San Francisco International Wine Competition
BRONZE	2016 Decanter World Wine Awards
BRONZE	2016 International Wine & Spirit Competition

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Bethany 2014 LE Reserve Shiraz

Region

66% Barossa Valley, 34% Eden Valley

Blend

100%

Acidity

6.9 g/L

Alcohol/Volume

13.5%

Residual Sugar

0.56 g/L

Wine Maker

Geoff and Robert Schrapel

