



**SEPPELTSFIELD**

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## **Seppeltsfield 2018 Shiraz**

**Winemaker:** Fiona Donald

**Grape(s):** Shiraz

**GI:** Barossa

**Site(s):** Estate vineyards

**Vintage notes:** A warm and dry year, with above-average nighttime temperatures creating elevated ripeness and softer acidity. Some loss in quantity, but quality considered exemplary, especially for bold reds.

**Vineyard notes:** The Barossa Shiraz is Seppeltsfield's foundation-level, representing the estate's diverse holding of vineyards that cross the region's western ridge, from the north to the southern grounds. Vines sit at 180-350 meters above sea level, with multiple soil profiles including red brown earth over limestone and sand over clay.

**Winemaking:** The Shiraz is vinified through the historic 1888 Gravity Cellar. Built into the hillside on a series of terraces, gravity guides the flow of fruit down through the winery to deliver gentle extraction of color, flavor and tannin. 100% destemmed, with 7-10 days on skins in 8-ton open fermenters. Matured in combination of stainless steel tanks and well-seasoned French hogsheads. SO<sub>2</sub> addition made after malolactic fermentation.

**Closure:** Stelvin

**ABV:** 15%

**LEGEND Tasting Notes:** Nose of lifted dark cherry, liquered Davidson plum fruit, and poached lilly pilly (a native purple berry), with complex brown spices. Ripe fruits, subtle floral notes, black pepper, Dorrigo pepperleaf (a menthol like native herb), and polished oak spices find balance and complexity on the palate. Classic Barossa boldness, but with amplified structure to find elegance.

**Production size:** 5000 dozen

**Points:** 93 Points (Suckling), 94 Points (Wine Enthusiast), 93 Points (Wine & Spirits)