



**SEPPELTSFIELD**

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# Seppeltsfield 1999 21 Year-Old 'Para Tawny'

**Winemaker:** Fiona Donald

**Grape(s):** Grenache, Shiraz, Mourvèdre (full composition unknown)

**GI:** Australia

**Site(s):** Estate vineyards

**Vintage notes:** 1999 was considered an exceptional vintage for red grapes, and particularly Shiraz. A hot dry summer evened out with some cooler, wetter days in March and April.

**Vineyard notes:** "Tawny" styles in Australia refer to fortified wines made from red grapes. Grapes for the Para Tawny series are sourced across the estate, representing the 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, sand over clay, slate, quartz, and ironstone.

**Winemaking:** Most Tawny styles are made of a blend of vintages, but in certain exceptional years, Seppeltsfield will draw off individual vintages to bottle as a special celebratory release. Fortification with grape brandy occurs during fermentation, with extensive oxidative aging in old oak hogsheads.

**Closure:** GPI cap

**ABV:** 20.9%

**LEGEND Tasting Notes:** Lifted aromatics of freshly baked wattleseed bread, toasted Atherton almonds (a specialty of Queensland), with a hint baked stone fruit and chicory liqueur. A medium-weighted, elegant wine with supple sweetness balanced by oak-aged structure and orange-oil acidity. Complex and profound.

**Production size:** 650 dozen

**Scores:** 96 Points (Wine Enthusiast)