



**LEGEND**



**SEPPELTSFIELD**

## Seppeltsfield 2019 'The Northing' Shiraz

**Winemaker:** Fiona Donald

**Grape(s):** Shiraz

**GI:** Barossa

**Site(s):** A single vineyard in Marananga, northern Barossa Valley

**Vintage notes:** A dry growing season from start to finish. December and January saw above-average temperatures, but February cooled enough to allow a relaxed, though early, harvest.

**Vineyard notes:** The "Grounds" range, of which the Northing is a part, is a study of single-site shiraz across the patchwork of the Barossa. The vineyard is planted on red brown earth shot with ironstone in the protected basin that is Marananga, on the northwestern ridge of the Barossa.

**Winemaking:** Vineyard is hand-pruned and hand-picked. The Northing was vinified in open top fermenters 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. Aged in new (30%) and seasoned French oak hogsheads for 14 months. Bottled December 2020.

**Closure:** Stelvin

**ABV:** 14.5%

**LEGEND Tasting Notes:** Nose of lifted boysenberry, blackberry cordial, and blood plum on the nose, with an undercurrent of black pepper and smoke. The palate is long and structured, with fruit weight buoyed by a radiant acid line and firm (but not astringent) tannins. Though energetic and accessible now, this wine will reward the patient with unfolding layers of complexity.

**Production size:** 100 dozen

**Scores:** 96 Points (Real Review), 95 Points (The Wine Front), 94 Points (Wine Advocate)

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