



A story that has intrigued us for years is the fable of the legendary founders of Ancient Rome, Romulus and Remus. These twins were abandoned at birth and reared by a she-wolf. Romulus murdered his twin in a fit of rage over the naming of Rome, the city which both had built. Legend presents Romulus as the stronger, more powerful of the brothers, while Remus was more refined, focussed and elegant. We believe the twins' characterise the distinctive and unique flavours and attributes of Shiraz from the twin valleys – the Barossa Valley and Eden Valley.

2020 REMUS Eden Valley Old Vine Shiraz

Wine Description

Deep garnet in colour with an alluring complexity of blackberry and red-cherry fruit aromas, with flickerings of forest-herbs and spice. The palate is equally interesting with balanced richness and concentration, finishing with a fresh and focused vibrancy. The 2020 Eden Valley vintage was one of the lowest yielding years on record, producing deeply coloured and flavoursome wines capable of maturing well for many years to come.

Winemaking

Hand harvested, destemmed and crushed into small 1.5 tonne open-top fermenters. Selected fermenters had up to 15% whole-bunch clusters added to the destemmed berries. A pre-fermentation cold soak ensured a slow initiation to fermentation, where temperatures were allowed to peak at 27°C before being cooled to 20°C for the remainder of the fermentation. Hand plunged daily allowed for a gentle extraction and helped to prolong the fermentation. After an extended period on skins the ferments were pressed to 60% new French oak hogsheads. Matured and not racked throughout the 18-month oak-maturation period provided for palate weight and texture. Prior to bottling, the wine was naturally clarified and bottled without filtration.

Vineyard | Region

To qualify for the Remus blend the vineyards need to be over 50 years of age and managed sustainably.

Shiraz 80+ year old vineyard | Central Eden Valley sub-region, Eden Valley

Shiraz 60+ year old vineyard | Central Eden Valley sub-region, Eden Valley

Shiraz 50+ year old vineyard | Moculta sub-region, Eden Valley

Harvest Date

31st March 2020 | Central Eden Valley 80 yr old vineyard

31st March 2020 | Central Eden Valley 60 yr old vineyard

18th March 2020 | Moculta 50 yr old vineyard

Yield

1.0 t/acre Central Eden Valley 80 yr old vineyard

1.2 t/acre Central Eden Valley 60 yr old vineyard

1.4 t/acre Moculta 50 yr old vineyard

Wine Details

Alcohol: 14.5%

Shiraz 100%

pH: 3.64

Residual Sugar: NIL

Total Acidity: 5.81 g/l

Production: 550 doz

Cellaring Potential

Built to last - optimum year 2032