



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 ROMULUS Barossa Valley Old Vine Shiraz

Wine Description

Deep crimson in colour, with ripe cherry, plum and lifted red-licorice aromas. The palate is richly concentrated, with subtle structural tannins, finishing with excellent balance and length. The 2020 vintage was extremely low yielding, which produced full flavoured wines capable of maturing very well for many years to come.

Winemaking

Hand harvested, destemmed and crushed into small 1.5 tonne open-top fermenters. The fruit was chilled for 5 days before being allowed to naturally warm to start fermentation. Various cap management techniques were used to highlight the unique characters of the individual vineyard parcels. After approximately 20 days on skins the ferments were pressed and transferred to a combination of new (45%) and seasoned French oak hogsheads. Matured for 18 months in oak without racking, the wines were then carefully blended, naturally clarified and bottled without filtration.

Vineyard | Region

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

Shiraz 80+ year-old vineyard | Light Pass sub-region, Barossa Valley

Shiraz 60+ year-old vineyard | Light Pass sub-region, Barossa Valley

Shiraz 60+ year-old vineyard | Menglers Hill sub-region, Barossa Valley

Harvest Date

28th February 2020 | 80+ yr old Light Pass vineyard

12th March 2020 | 60+ yr old Light Pass vineyard

13th March 2020 | Menglers Hill vineyard

Yield

1.0 t/acres | 80+ yr old Light Pass vineyard

1.2 t/acre | 60+ yr old Light Pass vineyard

1.2 t/acre | Menglers Hill vineyard

Wine Details

Alcohol: 14.5%

Shiraz 100%

pH: 3.51

Residual Sugar: NIL

Total Acidity: 6.38 g/l

Production: 440 doz

Cellaring Potential

Built to last - optimum year 2030