

Two Hands

Two Hands Charlie’s Garden is a refined Eden Valley Shiraz , offering an elegant structure, bright red fruit aromatics, and vibrant acidity. This cool-climate expression balances power and finesse , making it a standout in the Garden Series.

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Alcohol :14,20 %

Composition: 100% Syrah

Charlie's Garden Shiraz 2021

Barossa Valley, Australia

Region and Vineyards

Located in South Australia’s **Eden Valley**, a sub-region of the famed Barossa, this vineyard benefits from a cool-climate environment that shapes the wine’s elegance and structure. Eden Valley sits at a **higher altitude** than the Barossa Valley, allowing for a longer growing season, lower temperatures, and higher natural acidity. These conditions contribute to the region’s **distinctive Shiraz style**, marked by precision and finesse.

Charlie's Garden vineyard is planted on Menglers Hill, one of the highest points in Eden Valley, reaching **800 meters** above sea level. This elevation creates a significant **diurnal temperature variation**, slowing the ripening process and enhancing aromatic complexity. The soils are a mixture of **quartz, gravelly loam over clay**, providing excellent drainage while contributing to the wine’s **mineral character**. With an annual rainfall of approximately **800 mm**, the vines receive sufficient hydration to maintain a balanced fruit profile, ensuring both structure and freshness.

Winemaking

This **100% Shiraz** is crafted from hand-harvested fruit, selected from small parcels to capture the finest expression of Eden Valley’s terroir. Fermentation took place in **open-top fermenters**, allowing for gentle extraction and full aromatic development. Pump-overs were performed twice daily to distribute color, tannins, and flavor, achieving a balance between structure and elegance. After ten days of maceration, the free-run juice was separated and blended with the press fractions before being transferred to oak.

Aging occurred over **18 months in French oak**, with **15% new barrels** and the remainder in older oak ranging from one to six years. This ensured a subtle integration of oak, enhancing complexity while preserving fruit purity. The wine underwent **malolactic fermentation in barrel**, further refining its texture. To maintain the authentic expression of the vineyard, it was bottled **without fining or filtration**, allowing for maximum depth and character.

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep purple with brilliant ruby highlights, indicating concentration and vibrancy.
- **Aroma**: Intense and layered, featuring notes of cola, cassis, dried spices, nutmeg, mocha, and floral freshness, with underlying hints of warm oil and earth.
- **Palate**: A refined yet powerful structure, with rich dark fruit flavors of blackberry and plum, supported by vibrant acidity and velvety tannins. The finish is long and chiselled, marked by mineral complexity and a subtle touch of spice.

Did you know?

Charlie's Garden is part of **Two Hands Wines' Garden Series**, a collection designed to highlight **the diversity of Shiraz terroirs across Australia**. The vineyard's name is a tribute to **the Mengler family**, German settlers who contributed to the development of **Eden Valley's viticulture**. The surrounding biodiversity, integral to the vineyard's identity, is depicted on the wine's label, emphasizing the deep connection between **nature and winemaking**.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Beef Wellington** – The wine's structured tannins and dark fruit flavors complement the **rich pastry and tender fillet** beautifully.
- **Duck à l'Orange** – The lively acidity and subtle spice contrast harmoniously with the **sweet citrus glaze** of the dish.
- **Lamb shank with rosemary and garlic** – The earthy, herbal notes in the dish are enhanced by the wine's **savory depth and complexity**.
- **Aged Comté cheese** – The wine's intensity and spice provide a wonderful contrast to the cheese's **nutty and umami-rich profile**.

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Robert Parker (RP) : 95 Points (2021)

The 2021 Charlie's Garden Shiraz is from Eden Valley and smells just so like all the typicity and character of the region—crushed rocks, mulberry, licorice, raspberry, black tea, red apple skins and spring flowers. This is fresh and dark, pure and tannic. It has a lot going on, plenty of black turned earth. This is texturally full on, but it retains a delicacy within the fruit profile. It is really impressive, and things will only improve from here. This cooler vintage (as opposed to the warmer 2020) has stripped away some of the flesh of the wine, but it will outlive the 2020, I think. It is a purist wine. 14.2% alcohol sealed under Diam cork.