Two Hands

A striking expression of Barossa Valley Shiraz, the Coach House Block bursts with concentrated dark fruit, powerful tannins, and a bold structure , delivering an intense yet refined drinking experience.

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Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 100% Syrah

Coach House Block Single Vineyard Shiraz 2020

Barossa Valley, Australia

Region and Vineyards

Greenock, a distinguished sub-region in the Barossa Valley, is known for producing **full-bodied and deeply structured Shiraz wines**. With an altitude of 256 meters, this area benefits from slightly cooler temperatures than other parts of the Barossa, allowing for slow, even ripening. The extended growing season helps maintain **freshness and acidity** while developing **intense, layered fruit flavors**. Warm days encourage ripeness, while cool nights preserve the vibrancy that defines high-quality Shiraz.

The **Coach House Block vineyard**, originally part of the Branson Coach House estate, was acquired by **Two Hands Wines in 2001**. It features **deep grey-red loam soils**, interspersed with **coarse quartz and ironstone gravel over clay**, which provide excellent drainage while stressing the vines just enough to produce concentrated fruit. With an average annual rainfall of **450mm**, the vineyard benefits from natural water retention in the clay subsoil, ensuring a **balanced vine growth cycle** and **optimal fruit quality**. This terroir-driven Shiraz showcases **Greenock's signature richness, complexity, and age-worthy structure**.

Winemaking

This **vintage** was meticulously crafted using **several small parcels** from the Coach House Block vineyard, each vinified separately to capture the unique characteristics of the site. The **hand-harvested grapes** were **crushed and de-stemmed** into **open-top fermenters**, where they spent an average of **10 days on skins**, allowing for optimal extraction of **color, tannins, and aromatics**.

Following fermentation, the wine was pressed, and both **free-run juice and pressings** were blended to enhance depth and complexity. The wine then underwent **malolactic fermentation in barrel**, adding to its textural richness. Aged for **18 months in French oak hogsheads**, with **20% new oak**, the wine developed an added layer of spice and elegance. **Bottled unfiltered**, this approach preserves the wine's full intensity and structure, ensuring its ability to age gracefully.

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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep, opaque black with a vibrant purple hue at the rim.
- **Aroma:** A captivating nose of **liquorice, dark chocolate, baked blueberries, toffee apple, and fig paste**, accented by hints of warm oil and crushed stone.
- **Palate:** A bold and opulent entry leads into layers of **blackberry, dark plum, and cocoa**, supported by robust tannins that add structure and depth. The palate remains **rich and concentrated**, with an **exceptionally long, dry finish** marked by lingering spice and mineral complexity.

Did you know?

The **Coach House Block** was once part of **Branson Coach House**, a vineyard long revered for its ability to produce **exceptionally structured and expressive Shiraz**. Recognizing its potential, **Two Hands Wines secured the vineyard in 2001**, incorporating it into their **Single Vineyard Series**—a collection dedicated to capturing **Barossa's most distinctive terroirs**. Unlike the broader **Garden Series**, which explores regional expression, the **Single Vineyard wines** focus on micro-terroir variations, highlighting **individual site characteristics in their purest form**.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled Wagyu Ribeye** – The rich marbling and umami depth of Wagyu complement the wine's **concentrated dark fruit and robust tannins**.
- **Slow-Braised Lamb Shoulder** – The wine's **intense aromatics and bold structure** stand up to the deep, savory flavors of slow-cooked lamb, creating a harmonious balance.
- **Aged Manchego or Comté Cheese** – The salty, nutty complexity of these cheeses highlights the **wine's dark fruit and spice-driven undertones**.
- **Dark Chocolate & Cherry Tart** – The **cocoa and black fruit notes** in the wine complement the richness of dark chocolate while echoing the tart's cherry intensity.

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Robert Parker (RP) : 96 Points (2020)

The 2020 Coach House Block Seppeltsfield Road Greenock Shiraz is brooding and dense, and the tannins, which whorl around on the palate, are spread out and omnipresent, leaving me with thoughts of galaxies and stars. The fruit is black and spicy, and with all things taken into account, this is one of the spicier, more exciting wines in the high-quality single-vineyard lineup. Through the mid-palate and finish, there is a spool of exotic spice and fine tannin, and it lingers and draws you in for another sip. Very smart.

94 Wine Spectator

Wine Spectator (WS) : 94 Points (2016)

Rich and succulent, with gobs of chocolate-covered cherry and blackberry vanilla cobbler notes that melt into supple, polished tannins. Plenty of focus and generosity on the finish, where the flavors sail on and on. Drink now through 2030.