

# Two Hands

Sourced from the Holy Grail vineyard , this wine is named after the legendary quest for perfection, reflecting Two Hands' commitment to discovering and expressing exceptional terroir . With its inky black hue, powerful fruit expression, and seamless tannins , this is a wine built for both immediate pleasure and long-term cellaring.

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Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 100% Syrah

## Holy Grail Single Vineyard Shiraz 2020

Barossa Valley, Australia

### Region and Vineyards

The **Holy Grail vineyard** is located in the **Seppeltsfield sub-region of the Barossa Valley**, an area known for producing some of the most **expressive and long-lived Shiraz wines** in Australia. Situated along the palm tree-lined **Avenue of Hopes & Dreams**, this estate vineyard benefits from **an elevation of 250 meters**, providing a cooler microclimate that enhances **natural acidity and aromatic complexity** in the fruit.

The soil is predominantly **rich red/brown clay**, offering excellent **water retention and deep root penetration**, which results in **low-yielding vines with intensely concentrated fruit**. Vine age ranges from **5 to 19 years**, ensuring a blend of youthful vibrancy and deeper complexity. The **growing season** saw an **average rainfall of 450-500mm**, helping to balance the vines and preserve **freshness and intensity** in the grapes.

### Winemaking

Each small parcel of fruit from the **Holy Grail vineyard** was **de-stemmed and fermented in 5-ton stainless steel fermenters**. The wine was **gently pumped over two to three times daily**, ensuring **optimal color, tannin extraction, and fruit purity**. After an **average of 10 days on skins**, the must was pressed, and the **free-run and pressings were combined** before being transferred to barrel for **malolactic fermentation**.

The wine was **aged for 18 months in French oak barrels**, ranging from **one to four years old**, to allow for **complex integration of flavors while maintaining the purity of fruit**. The wine was bottled in **November of the following vintage**, with **minimal fining and no filtration**, ensuring an unadulterated expression of its single vineyard origins.

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## Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Inky black with deep purple hues, showcasing its extraordinary concentration.
- **Aroma**: A beautifully lifted bouquet of beef stock, tar, menthol, nutmeg, glazed plums, and scorched earth, backed by subtle hints of vanilla and toasted oak.
- **Palate**: The wine delivers an immediate textural impact, exploding on the palate like an airplane taking off. The fruit is poised and persistent, showing **incredible purity and drive** while remaining **light on its feet**. The tannins are **structured yet fruit-driven**, offering a long, drying finish with a saline twist. Built for **long-term aging**, this is a wine with depth, power, and remarkable balance.

## Did you know?

The **Holy Grail vineyard** was named after **Monty Python's famous film**, reflecting **Two Hands' pursuit of the perfect vineyard site**. This **single-vineyard wine** is part of the **Single Vineyard Series**, which aims to showcase **the ultimate expression of site-specific terroir**. Only a select few vineyards make the cut, reinforcing the philosophy that **some sites have an undeniable "X-factor" that makes them extraordinary**.

## Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Châteaubriand with Truffle Sauce** – The richness of the beef fillet is complemented by the wine's depth, while the truffle-enhanced sauce mirrors its earthy complexity.
- **Braised Lamb Shoulder with Rosemary and Garlic** – The structured tannins and dark fruit profile cut through the lamb's succulence, while the herbaceous notes enhance the wine's spice and mineral undertones.
- **Duck Magret with Blackberry Jus** – The fruit-driven intensity of the Shiraz pairs seamlessly with the sweet and savory elements of the dish, creating a dynamic interplay of flavors.
- **Aged Parmigiano Reggiano** – The wine's firm tannins and dark fruit richness contrast beautifully with the cheese's nutty, umami-laden profile, making for an indulgent pairing.

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**Robert Parker (RP) : 94 Points (2020)**

*The fruit for the 2020 Holy Grail Seppeltsfield Road Seppeltsfield Shiraz is, of course, from the Seppeltsfield Road Vineyard in the Barossa Valley. It is decidedly red fruited, with raspberry, pomegranate molasses, pink peppercorns, damsons and blood plums. The tannins are smashed into the fruit; they're fine and chalky but certainly present, and they serve to cup the fruit, rather than obstruct it. It's a very pretty wine, which is a surprise given the packaging (weight when full over two kilograms) and fruit-sourcing area. Nicely done.*