

Two Hands

An extraordinary expression of Shiraz from an awe-inspiring steep vineyard in Burnside , this wine showcases a remarkable microclimate that allows for slow, balanced ripening and exceptional complexity.

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Waterfall Block Single Vineyard Shiraz 2019

Barossa Valley, Australia

Region and Vineyards

The **Waterfall Block** vineyard is an astonishing site nestled in **Burnside, near Adelaide**, positioned within the **Mount Lofty Ranges**. The vineyard's steep, short rows are protected from harsh sunlight, benefiting from the shade of the towering hills to the north. This unique **microclimate** allows the vines to ripen slowly, reducing stress and ensuring optimal balance between fruit intensity, acidity, and tannin structure.

Planted **27 years ago**, the vineyard is characterized by **shallow red clay soils over deep deposits of slate, shale, and limestone**. These geological influences contribute to the wine's **distinct minerality and textural finesse**. With an **average annual rainfall of 550mm**, the vines are naturally moderated, fostering an **elegant and well-structured** Shiraz that embodies the full potential of this unique site.

Winemaking

The **small parcel from this unique single vineyard** was carefully **crushed and destemmed into stainless steel fermenters**. The must remained **on skins for 10 days**, allowing for gentle extraction of color, tannins, and flavor. Following primary fermentation, the **free-run juice and pressings were combined** to enhance depth and complexity.

The wine was then transferred to **barrels for malolactic fermentation**, where it developed additional roundness and integration. **Bottled with minimal intervention**, this Shiraz maintains its purity, vibrancy, and a precise balance between power and elegance. With **15 years of aging potential**, it will continue to evolve beautifully, unveiling even greater depth and finesse over time.

Alcohol :14,90 %

Composition: 100% Syrah

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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep and intensely dark, reflecting its concentration and aging potential.
- **Aroma:** A lifted, explosive bouquet of smoke, dark chocolate, ginger, Asian spices, warm oil, western red cedar, and rose water. Layers of complexity unfold as the wine breathes.
- **Palate:** Dense and caressing, offering an **impenetrable layer of dark fruit** that flows effortlessly along a svelte, velvety texture. Vibrant acidity lifts the palate, adding remarkable length and freshness. The tannins start off sweet, then transition into a **mineral-driven, savory finish with hints of licorice and spice**.

Did You Know?

Waterfall Block is **one of the newest single-vineyard sites in the Two Hands portfolio**, yet it offers an ancient terroir shaped by the slate, shale, and limestone deposits of the Mount Lofty Ranges. This unique setting produces **a Shiraz unlike any other, marked by its refined structure and elegant flow**.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled Wagyu ribeye with black garlic sauce** – The rich fruit and velvety tannins complement the marbling and umami depth of the steak.
- **Spiced lamb shoulder with sumac and pomegranate** – The wine's acidity and spice elements harmonize with the dish's bright, aromatic profile.
- **Charcoal-roasted eggplant with tahini and smoked paprika** – The deep, smoky flavors mirror the wine's complexity and earthiness.
- **Aged Comté or Pecorino Toscano** – The wine's minerality and structured tannins balance beautifully with the nutty, firm texture of these cheeses.

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Robert Parker (RP) : 94 Points (2019)

One of the bigger, more powerful of the Block wines this vintage, the 2019 Waterfall Block Waterfall Gully Road Burnside Shiraz is a full-bodied, velvety, well-behaved beast of a wine. Swirls of mixed berries combine with mocha and dark chocolate, finishing with layers of flavor and texture. While its elevated alcohol (it's listed at 14.9% alcohol) may mean it's not quite as long-lived as some of the other 2019 bottlings, it should still go 10 years easily.