

Two Hands

Two Hands Ares Shiraz 2019 is a bold and commanding expression of Barossa Valley Shiraz , crafted from the finest barrels to represent the pinnacle of the estate's winemaking expertise.

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Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Syrah

Ares Shiraz 2019

Barossa Valley, Australia

Region and Vineyards

Two Hands Ares Shiraz 2019 hails from the **Barossa Valley**, one of the world's most esteemed wine regions for Shiraz. Known for its **warm Mediterranean climate**, Barossa provides ideal conditions for full-bodied, intensely flavored wines. The combination of **hot days and cool nights** ensures optimal ripeness while preserving freshness and acidity, resulting in wines that balance richness with structure.

The fruit for Ares is sourced from **low-yielding vineyards across the Barossa Valley**, where **old vines, deep red clay loam, and ironstone soils** contribute to the wine's bold structure and layered complexity. Many of these vines, aged **30 to 100 years**, naturally produce **low-yielding, highly concentrated fruit**, which is essential for crafting a wine of this caliber.

Winemaking

Each vintage, every barrel of Two Hands Shiraz is carefully tasted and classified. Only the **top A+ rated barrels** are selected to create Ares, ensuring that the final blend represents the absolute best of the estate's production.

The wine undergoes **fermentation in open-top fermenters**, followed by **extended maceration** to extract deep color and tannin structure. It is then matured for **20 months in a combination of new and one-year-old French oak barrels**, allowing for seamless integration of oak influence while preserving the purity of fruit. This **meticulous selection and aging process** result in a wine of **exceptional depth, elegance, and longevity**.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep, impenetrable black with a vibrant purple rim.
- **Aroma**: Layers of dark chocolate, cassis, liquorice, dried herbs, smoke, cedar, clove, mocha, and condensed plum jelly emerge gradually from the glass.
- **Palate**: A powerful, full-bodied wine with dense, layered fruit. Blackberry, blueberry, and dark plum unfold in waves, supported by fine, silky tannins. Despite its intensity, the wine retains remarkable energy and freshness, leading to a long, lingering finish that is unmistakably Barossa Shiraz.

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Did You Know?

The name **Ares** is inspired by the **Greek god of war**, symbolizing **strength, power, and determination**—qualities that define this wine. The **strict barrel selection process** ensures that only the most exceptional Shiraz from each vintage is used, making Ares **one of the most meticulously crafted Shiraz wines in Australia**.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Wagyu Ribeye Steak** – The rich marbling and umami depth of Wagyu complement the wine's bold structure and firm tannins.
- **Slow-Braised Beef Cheeks** – The silky, slow-cooked texture harmonizes with the wine's density and long finish.
- **Lamb Tagine with Moroccan Spices** – The sweet and savory spice notes highlight the wine's complex layers of mocha, clove, and dark fruit.
- **Aged Comté or Vintage Cheddar** – The nutty, savory flavors provide a perfect contrast to the wine's deep fruit concentration.

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Robert Parker (RP) : 95 Points (2019)

This 2019 Ares Shiraz is firm and savory and shaped by a pliable rachis of tannin and spice. The fruit strays across blood plums, mulberries, damsons and licorice and leaves a trail of star anise and aniseed its wake. The tannins are very prominent and have a traditional feel, Decant it.

94 Wine Spectator

Wine Spectator (WS) : 94 Points (2018)

Features Black Forest cake, fresh raspberry coulis and Earl Grey tea flavors that are rich and generous, with a velvety, juicy frame. Complex and bold, showing details of cardamom, salted caramel, cigar box and dried sage that linger on a long, expressive finish. Drink now.

92 Wine&Spirits

Wines & Spirits (W&S) : 92 Points (2018)

A selection from the top barrels of Barossa shiraz in the Two Hands cellar, this is round and integrated, weaving an earthy porcini savor with blackberry-scented fruit. Rich and mature, it's a cool, earthen wine with enough grip for a lamb stew surrounded by root vegetables.