

# Two Hands

An elegant and refined Shiraz, this wine exemplifies the finesse and energy of Clare Valley's elevated vineyards, delivering bright aromatics, layered fruit, and a seamless texture.





### Samantha's Garden Shiraz 2021

Barossa Valley, Australia

### Region and Vineyards

Clare Valley, located **north of Adelaide**, is one of Australia's most renowned coolclimate wine regions, celebrated for its elegant and refined Shiraz. The **elevated vineyards (200-320m)** provide a natural acidity that contributes to the wine's freshness and finesse. The region's diverse \*\*soils—ranging from grey silty loam with sandstone to sandy loam over clay and slate—\*\*enhance the wine's complexity and structure.

The fruit for Samantha's Garden comes from up to **three distinct sub-regions**, including **Armagh and White Hut**, each offering unique characteristics. The **average annual rainfall of 480-550mm** supports a balanced ripening process, allowing for slow flavor development. The combination of high elevation, cool temperatures, and varied soils creates a **wine of purity, vibrant aromatics, and silky texture**, making it a quintessential expression of Clare Valley Shiraz.

### Winemaking

The hand-selected Shiraz grapes were **crushed and fermented in five-tonne open-top fermenters**, with **twice-daily pump-overs** to regulate fermentation temperature, ensuring optimal extraction of **color**, **flavor**, **and tannins**. The wine spent **10 days on skins**, allowing for delicate yet concentrated flavor development.

Following fermentation, the free-run juice was drained to tank, while the pressings were combined for added depth. The wine then underwent malolactic fermentation in barrel to refine its texture before being aged for 18 months in French oak hogsheads (15% new, 2-6 years old for the remainder). The final bottling was done unfined and unfiltered, preserving its purity and authenticity. The result is a Shiraz of remarkable balance, silky tannins, and exceptional aging potential.

Alcohol:14,00 %

Composition: 100% Sangiovese







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### **Tasting Notes**

- **Color:** Deep, concentrated purple with black hues, indicating its intensity and depth.
- Aroma: A beautifully layered bouquet of rhubarb, dark cherries, warm bark, and glazed fruits, intertwined with blueberries, cedar, cracked pepper, and subtle incense.
- **Palate:** A poised and sophisticated entry leads to an even distribution of fruit across the palate. Bright and juicy at first, the flavors evolve into a drier, more structured mid-palate, with **fine**, **delicate tannins creating a velvety finish**. The hallmark Clare Valley characteristics of elegance, restraint, and freshness shine through, making this a seamless and refined expression of Shiraz.

#### Did You Know?

Clare Valley is often associated with **Riesling**, but its **high-elevation Shiraz vineyards are among the most distinguished in Australia**. Thanks to its cool climate and long growing season, Clare Valley Shiraz develops **exceptional aromatic complexity**, **vibrant acidity**, **and finely textured tannins**, setting it apart from the more powerful expressions of warmer regions like Barossa.

### Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Roast lamb with rosemary and garlic** The wine's fine tannins and bright fruit complement the richness of the lamb while enhancing the herbal notes.
- Beef carpaccio with truffle oil and Parmesan The wine's elegance and freshness balance the dish's umami richness.
- **Grilled eggplant with miso glaze** The wine's spice and fruit intensity complement the umami and caramelized depth of the dish.
- **Aged Gruyère or Manchego** The delicate yet structured tannins pair beautifully with the nutty, firm texture of these cheeses.

#### Robert Parker (RP): 94 Points (2021)



The 2021 Samantha's Garden Shiraz hails from the Clare Valley, and with it comes dark chocolate, garden mint, velvety tannins and a lush/plush fruit profile. I love this series for the distinction of regional characters that each of the wines possess; the success of the series is the accurate portrayal of each region in the glass. The middle palate is where this wine really shines—it is chewy and induces another hasty sip. Very smart. 14.2% alcohol, sealed under Diam cork.



