

# Rockford

This blend showcases the harmonious union of Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon, delivering a wine of depth, balance, and character.



# Rod & Spur Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2019

Barossa Valley, Australia

## Region and Vineyards

Rockford Wines is situated in the heart of South Australia's **Barossa Valley**, a region celebrated for its rich winemaking history and old-vine vineyards. The Rod & Spur 2019 blend is composed of **67% Shiraz and 33% Cabernet Sauvignon**, sourced from **old vines** that are integral to Rockford's signature style. Some of these vines are descendants of **century-old plantings**, contributing to the wine's complexity and depth. The Barossa's warm climate and diverse soils provide an ideal environment for these varietals, resulting in wines with concentrated flavors and robust structures.



Rockford adheres to **traditional winemaking methods**, utilizing equipment and techniques that have been in place for over a century. This approach emphasizes minimal intervention, allowing the fruit's natural qualities to shine. The 2019 vintage underwent fermentation and aging processes that highlight the distinct characteristics of Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon, culminating in a wine that reflects both varietal expression and regional identity. The final product boasts an **alcohol content of 14%**, aligning with the full-bodied profile typical of Barossa reds.

## **Tasting Notes**

- Color: Deep ruby with purple hues.
- Aroma: Inviting notes of **blackcurrant**, **plum**, and **blackberry**, complemented by hints of **vanilla**, **pepper**, and **clove**.
- Palate: A rich and full-bodied experience featuring crunchy black fruits, soft tannins, and a refreshing acidity. The subtle sweetness of vanilla adds complexity, leading to a well-balanced and enduring finish.

#### Did You Know?

The name "Rod & Spur" pays homage to a **traditional pruning method** used in vineyards, reflecting Rockford's dedication to preserving time-honored viticultural practices. This commitment to tradition is evident in every aspect of their winemaking, from vineyard management to the use of historic equipment.



Alcohol :14,00 % Composition: 67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Syrah







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### Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled Ribeye Steak**: The wine's robust structure and dark fruit flavors complement the richness of the meat.
- Lamb Shanks with Rosemary: The herbal notes in the dish resonate with the wine's spicy undertones.
- **Aged Cheddar or Gouda**: The cheese's sharpness and depth align with the wine's complexity.



#### Robert Parker (RP): 92 Points (2015)

A blend of 62% Shiraz and 38% Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2015 Rod and Spur Shiraz-Cabernet Sauvignon spent two years in barrel before being blended and bottled. Plum, cassis and mint come together on the nose and palate of this medium to full-bodied wine. It's creamy across the mid-palate, ripe and supple, ending with softly dusty notes on the lingering finish. An excellent example of the quintessential Australian blend.



#### James Halliday (JH): 91 Points (2013)

67/33%. A long-made chip off Rocky's shoulder, classic Australian, classic Barossa Valley and classic Rockford. It is no frills, just balance and length to the blackberry/blackcurrant/plum fruit, its future up to you, not the wine.



