Glaetzer

Glaetzer Bishop 2021 delivers a classic expression of Barossa Shiraz: intense yet composed, with purity of fruit and a polished structure that highlights its distinguished origins.

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BAROSSA VALLEY

Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Syrah

Bishop Shiraz 2021

Barossa Valley, Australia

Region and Vineyards

The 2021 Glaetzer Bishop Shiraz is produced from vines located in **Ebenezer**, the northernmost subregion of the **Barossa Valley**—an area long celebrated for producing some of the region's most powerful and age-worthy Shiraz. Here, **vine age ranges from 35 to 120 years**, growing in well-drained sandy loams layered over red clay and ironstone. These deep-rooted vines offer small yields (around **3 tonnes per hectare**) and deliver fruit with exceptional intensity and concentration.

The 2021 vintage benefited from cooler growing conditions and ample spring rainfall, which resulted in excellent vine health and a long, even ripening period. The absence of significant late-season rainfall ensured phenolic ripeness and maintained vibrant acidity—a hallmark of the vintage—culminating in **high-quality grapes with both freshness and depth**.

Winemaking

This vintage is made from **100% Shiraz**, fermented in **small open fermenters** (1 to 2 tonnes) with **extended maceration** to promote elegant tannin development. Daily plunging techniques ensured optimal extraction of colour and structure while preserving the integrity of the fruit.

The wine was **matured for 16 months in oak hogsheads**, using a **40% portion of new oak (90% French, 10% American)** and the balance in seasoned 2-3 year old barrels. This thoughtful approach to oak selection imparts subtle spice and toast without overwhelming the expressive dark fruit character of the Shiraz. The wine was bottled unfiltered to preserve its natural complexity and texture.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Vibrant dark red with youthful purple hues.
- **Aroma**: Aromatically generous, with notes of black cherry, dried spice, and hints of olive tapenade.
- **Palate**: Medium to full-bodied with a layered core of black cherry, raspberry, and black pepper. Tannins are supple and integrated, providing structure without aggressiveness. The wine is smooth, mouth-filling, and persistent, with a refined, spicy finish.

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Did you know?

"Bishop" is the **maiden name of Ben Glaetzer's mother, Judith**, and the wine is intended as a tribute to the **generational legacy** of winemaking and family heritage in Barossa. It also represents a stylistic contrast to the richer Anaperenna, offering a more **accessible and elegant interpretation** of Barossa Shiraz.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Smoked lamb shoulder with rosemary**: The savoury depth of the lamb complements the wine's spice and olive notes.
- **Beef brisket with black pepper jus**: Echoes the peppery, meaty elements in the Shiraz.
- **Mature gouda or clothbound cheddar**: The umami and nutty character of aged cheese plays well with the wine's fruit concentration.
- **Grilled portobello mushrooms**: An excellent vegetarian match that picks up on the wine's earthy and herbal tones.

Robert Parker (RP) : 92 Points (2021)

The 2021 Bishop Shiraz is pristine, supple and concentrated. There are layers of mulberry, raspberry and salted licorice (red licorice, too) in the mouth, shaped by fine, pliable tannins. It is bendy like high-jump poles. This is really great value for money. It is reliably high quality, delivering a modern, satisfying Barossa experience. What more do you want? 14.5% alcohol, sealed under screw cap.