Glaetzer

Rooted in the ancient soils of Ebenezer, this 2021 vintage from Glaetzer highlights purity of fruit and expert craftsmanship, perfect for both immediate enjoyment and cellar aging.

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BAROSSA VALLEY

Wallace 2021

Barossa Valley, Australia

Region and Vineyards

The Glaetzer Wallace 2021 hails from the **Barossa Valley**, one of Australia's most iconic wine regions, celebrated for its structured reds and time-honored viticultural traditions. Specifically, the fruit is sourced from the **Ebenezer sub-district** in the valley's northern reaches—an area prized for its ancient soils and exceptional low-yielding vines.

The Shiraz vines used range from 50 to 80 years in age, while the Grenache reaches even deeper into the past, with some vines between 50 and 100 years old. These dry-grown bush vines thrive under Barossa's continental climate, with hot summer days and cool nights, fostering both ripeness and structure. The 2021 growing season offered ideal conditions: a cool spring followed by a dry, mild summer, leading to **high phenolic concentration and optimal ripeness**, a welcome relief after the low-yielding 2020 vintage.

Winemaking

Glaetzer's approach to Wallace exemplifies a respect for varietal character and regional expression. The blend consists of **84% Shiraz and 16% Grenache**, each contributing distinctive attributes. The Shiraz offers dark-fruited intensity and depth, while the Grenache brings lift, brightness, and juicy red fruit vibrancy.

The vinification process reflects thoughtful restraint, especially for the Grenache, which **undergoes minimal oak contact** to retain its fruit purity and energetic character. In contrast, the Shiraz component is **matured for 16 months in seasoned oak hogsheads**—80% French and 20% American—providing subtle textural complexity without dominating the profile. The use of 2-3-year-old barrels ensures integration over imprint, yielding a harmonious and elegant style.

Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 84% Syrah, 16% Grenache

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Medium to deep garnet with hints of purple on the rim, indicating youth and vibrancy.
- **Aroma**: Aromatically enticing, showing dark plum and raspberry alongside Provencal lavender, with accents of anise and freshly cracked pepper.
- **Palate**: Juicy black fruits are supported by bright acidity and savoury, rounded tannins. Blackcurrant and pepper nuances interplay gracefully, leading to a persistent and refreshing finish.

Did you know?

The name "Wallace" pays homage to Colin Glaetzer's wife, whose maiden name was Wallace—thus the wine is not only a tribute to heritage vines but also to familial legacy within one of Australia's most respected winemaking dynasties.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Roast lamb with rosemary and garlic** - Complements the wine's herbal and peppery nuances.
- **Chargrilled eggplant with tahini and pomegranate** - The Grenache's vibrancy aligns well with sweet-savoury Mediterranean flavors.
- **Beef and mushroom pie** - The wine's rich fruit and firm tannins stand up to hearty textures and umami.
- **Aged cheddar or manchego** - Their firmness and saltiness underscore the wine's structure and fruitiness.

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Robert Parker (RP) : 91 Points (2021)

Made with 84% Shiraz, the balance Grenache, the 2021 Wallace Shiraz Grenache is juicy and bright, gleaming and succulent and vibrant, in its way. It's not a complex wine but a very pretty one and a great indicator of the Barossa. It's a product of a lovely balanced season. 14.5% alcohol, sealed under screw cap.