



PETER LEHMANN

Barossa

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2012 BLACK QUEEN SPARKLING SHIRAZ

Sparkling Shiraz is a unique Australian wine style, first developed in South Australia in the late 1800s.

Former Peter Lehmann Chief winemaker, Andrew Wigan, was attracted to the style as a young winemaker. He aspired to make a great sparkling wine from Barossa Shiraz from as soon as he arrived in the region and began working with Peter Lehmann in the mid 70s.

His vision came to fruition in the 1980s when Wigan started making a few cases of sparkling Shiraz each year. The first wine was released in 1999 from the 1994 vintage after 5 years cellaring in the bottle on tirage.

It was named The Black Queen in honour of the Queen of Sheba, a woman of great richness, beauty and power, much like the attributes of this wine.



Winemaker's note

This sparkling Shiraz displays a red colour with a purple centre with a persistent fine bead. The bouquet features aromas of stewed plums, black cherry and mocha with exotic spices and dark chocolate on the palate and a long, savoury finish. While drinking beautifully now this wine can be cellared with confidence.

Andrew Wigan, Chief Winemaker

Vintage

The 2012 vintage came early and was very small. The weather was quite mild throughout and the quality of the red wines was outstanding - they are beautifully balanced with great colour and varietal definition and should age gracefully for many years in the cellar.

Vineyards

Sourced from premium low yielding Shiraz vineyards in the Light Pass district of the Barossa.

Winemaking

Fermented on skins for 7 - 10 days, pressed, clarified and then matured for 12 months in older French oak hogsheads. The base wine was then bottle-fermented and aged on its yeast lees for two years.

Enjoy

The perfect celebration wine- a great party starter and wonderful for a lazy Sunday brunch. Try it with smoked oysters wrapped in bacon and grilled, roast turkey or peking duck pancakes.

Analysis

Alc/vol 14% T.A 6.25g/L pH 3.6 RS 25g/L



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