



2017 Standish The Schubert Theorem Shiraz

Barossa Valley, South Australia, AUSTRALIA

- Cellar 8 - 10 years (2027-2029)
- ABV 14.9%
- Closure: Diam Cork

Magnificent colour displaying a densely saturated inky black core with an equally deep dark purple black hue. Heady blackberry and liquorice aromas laced with clove stream out of the glass followed by dark plum, smoky vanillin cedar, hints of fennel, light scorched earth and spicy pepper notes. Monumentally rich, enormously powerful and statuesque, the seductive palate is completely engulfed with decadent blackberry, black cherry and liquorice fruit which is underpinned by firm, muscular tannins. Inky vanillin cedar, subtle scorched earth, dried meats and blackpepper nuances are also evident. Despite the wines density and incredible concentration it remains very agile. Superb drive and carry concluding with a prodigiously long aftertaste.

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96 points

JamesSuckling.com

"A 6th generation Barossan, Dan Standish established his eponymous winery in 1999 whilst still working as winemaker at Torbreck Vintners. His endeavour initially began around an ancient parcel of Shiraz owned and farmed by his father. Due to family upheaval this source is now gone but has been supplemented by various sites throughout the Barossa Region that he has identified as significant and unique.

All batches of fruit are fermented and matured individually then follows a strict selection in the winery that can see as much as 80% of the original blend discarded and sold off in bulk. As with the finest producers in Europe only the finest material is sold under the Standish

Wine Company label.

Stylistically Dan's wines are as profound as you would expect from Barossa Valley old vines but they have a satin texture and dreamy perfume that sets them far apart from his contemporaries. Here, dark fruits are encased in cocoa and earthy richness but with gentle spice, soil tone, asphalt and a stony minerality that gives the wines a beautiful dimension. These are special wines, among the very best being made in Australia today. When you see what Grange and Hill of Grace sell for these days, these are a bargain." Andrew Guard, Distributor

99-100 Points - Stuart McCloskey "An extraordinary colour ranging from midnight black to a rim of purple. The nose is intoxicating and utterly beguiling with lavender, violets, vanilla, coal, cold stone, ink, iron ore and graphite. The palate is full-bodied, richly structured, incredibly layered and beautifully defined - The Château Latour of Australia as this befits 'the iron fist in a velvet glove' perfectly. It's quite extraordinary how a wine of such scale and age is so harmonious. The flavour profile and length are unending. The texture silken. The sweet entry finding its way to an iron ore and salty finish is fascinating (my last sip offered coffee notes). It is easy to understand why this was wine of the day (a difficult achievement given the calibre of the room). One of Australia's immortal wines which has the potential to outlive most of us. Remarkable. Decanted for 2 hours and served using Zalto's Bordeaux Glassware."

96 Points - Joe Czerwinski (RobertParker.com) "Mulberries and blueberries appear alongside a hint of white pepper on the nose of Standish's 2017 The Schubert Theorem Shiraz, sourced from Marananga. It's full-bodied, firm and structured, loaded with mixed berries and balanced by savory undercurrents of espresso and black olive. It finishes long and mouthwatering yet also dusty and tannic. Give it another 2-3 years in the cellar and drink it over the following decade or so."

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