



Standish The Standish Shiraz 2017

Barossa Valley, South Australia, AUSTRALIA

- Cellar 10 - 15 years (2029-2034)
- ABV 14.9%
- Closure: Cork

With its palate staining intensity, immense structure and magnificent richness, this wine draws comparisons to Penfolds Grange. Pitch black dark purple core with a very deep dark purple black hue. Blossoming from the glass with compelling intensity are ripe blackberry, liquorice and dark plum scents that possess a sense of exoticism. Hints of dark chocolate, toasty vanillin oak, subtle earthy leather nuances and spice ensue. Densely textured and boasting formidable power, sublime fruit richness is backed by chiselled, ironstone like tannins that never the less come across as velvet like due to the plush feel of the fruit. Soaking the mouth are lavish blackberry, liquorice, black cherry and dark plum flavours which overlay a back drop of dark chocolate, vanillin oak, subtle earth and spice. Grange like concentration and structure with riveting length, finishing exceptionally long on the aftertaste.

“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

The Standish Shiraz is a single vineyard wine sourced from old vine Greenock vineyard on ironstone soils.

Here’s what Dan said about the 2017 vintage: *“The 2017 year saw a rarely lush growing season for our old vines, with decent winter-spring rainfall and a long, sustained ripening period. We’re seeing the vibrancy to match in these wines.*

These bright, luscious Shiraz’s each reveal refined, multi-layers of graceful tannin; fleshy and distinguished. While unmistakably Barossan, this vintage carries an elegance akin to a Northern Rhone offering – an atypical shift resulting from a more modest variation of our renowned ‘blow-dry’ summer heat.

Barrel de-classification took a leading role for these creations, bottling less than one third of production, retaining only the crème de la crème for the final cuvees. The role that soil, site and aspect play is distinctly evident in each of these single site wines as they show their most unique tones to date.”

94 points – Nick Stock – JamesSuckling.com *“This is the most structured and assertive of the Standish portfolio of ultra premium Barossa reds. The pithy, blackberry and plum-flavored palate delivers a rich, impactful array of ripe and powerful fruit. Raw and delicious. Try from 2023.”*