

2014 ALBERT SHIRAZ

"Albert Shiraz is named after my Grandfather, Albert Alfred Teusner...a man I admired for his commitment and his persistence. Like previous vintages, Albert Shiraz is made from parcels of fruit sourced from a couple of our favourite vineyards....an old block at Ebenezer in the Barossa's north west and another at the Barossa's south eastern most extremity at Williamstown.

2014 vintage was both challenging and rewarding with above average temperatures throughout the growing season despite above average rainfalls in winter and spring. Late November frosts proved challenging for some vineyards but when vintage started in January nobody expected a huge grassfire in Eden Valley which proved devastating for some growers. To add insult to injury Mother nature opened up the heavens with 30% of the average annual rainfall coming down on Valentines Day. Whilst yields were again down, the quality across the varietal spectrum looked solid.

The older Barossa Valley vineyards typically yield fruit of concentrated flavour and soft, supple and velvety tannins that set them apart from the younger stuff. The Ebenezer block gives this wine its dark core and its muscle, with the fruit from Williamstown providing elegance, fragrance and spice. There's plenty of blackberry, black satsuma plum, black cherry and cassis with great intensity and length."

KYM TEUSNER, WINEMAKER

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