

Technical and Tasting Notes 2023 Hobbs Behr Creek Shiraz Montepulciano

Vintage	2023
Wine	Behr Creek Shiraz Montepulciano
Varieties / Blend	Shiraz 60% Montepulciano 40%
Winemaker	Pete Schell, Allison and Greg Hobbs
Bottled	Nov-24
Growing Region	Barossa
Total Wine Production	500 doz
Soil	thin sedimentary soils underlain with rose quartz and siltstone
Yield per acre	1.5-2.0 tonne/acre
Age of Vines	11 - 35 years old
Alc	14.50%
TA	5.4
pH	3.46
Cellar Potential	drink now or cellar 15+ years
Oak types	Old French Hogsheads 300L
Maturation	12 month
Finings	no
Closure	screw cap
Colour	deep red
Nose	lifted notes of lilac, purple fruits and satsuma plum
Palate	Silky mouthfeel good acidity, well balanced. Lucious fruits of red berries, cherries. Slight hints of oak
Winemaking	Hand picked fruit. Wild ferment over 10 days, gentle hand plunging daily. Slow press into old French oak for 12 months before bottling
Food Pairing	Be creative with this wine! Pairing equally well with blue swimmer crab linguini as it will with roasted duck breast, shitake & greens. Fabulous with a grilled burger and chips on a Sunday afternoon.
Vintage conditions	<p>2023 Vintage Report</p> <p>The winter of 2022 delivered steady rains, paving the way for an exceptionally wet spring that lingered through October and carried on into December. As the seasons shifted, January and February remained mild progressing into a cool March. Bright, sunny days paired with crisp, cool nights fostered a slow and steady berry development—preserving the grapes’ natural acidity, deepening their colour, and crafting a near-perfect harmony of tannins and flavours.</p> <p>Summer’s sporadic heavy downpours underscored the value of our commitment to sustainable vineyard practices—maintaining open canopies, managing low yields, and consistently nourishing the soil and foliage with organic and biodynamic methods.</p> <p>The 2023 harvest arrived later than usual, beginning in early May. This prolonged ripening season rewarded us with grapes of remarkable depth, richness, and balance—exuding the hallmark elegance and cool-climate refinement that define our wines.</p>