

2012 EIGHT SONGS SHIRAZ

The Masters wines are the top tier of Peter Lehmann's original classic Barossa varietals, made for the long haul and released with bottle age to capture their full potential. These wines are named after a person or event that has played an intrinsic role in the Peter Lehmann story.

'Eight Songs for A Mad King' is one of Peter Lehmann's favourite vocal ensemble musical works, loved for its soft harmonies, inspiring PL to emulate their art in a wine unlike anything else he had made before.

8 Songs Shiraz was first made in 1996 with the aim of producing a decisively soft and stylish style of Barossa wine. Sourced from some of the oldest, low-yielding vineyards across the Barossa, this wine has been matured in 100% new French oak hogsheads. The winemaking team seamlessly integrates the opulent fruit and velvety tannins to create a distinctly elegant wine with an abundance of mocha chocolate and dark plum fruit characters.



Andrew Wigan, Chief Winemaker

Winemaker's note

This 2012 Shiraz is deep red in colour with a black core and a bouquet of charcoal chocolate notes with dark plum and mocha, finishing with soft velvety tannins and rich opulent fruit on the palate. While drinking beautifully now, you may wish to put it away in the cellar for another five years or so during which time it will soften further and become a little more complex. We recommend that it be carefully decanted 2-3 hours prior to serving to allow the wine to breathe and to leave any sediment behind.

Vintage

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

Vineyards

Low yielding Barossa vineyards in the Stonewell, Light Pass and Vine Vale districts.

Winemaking

Fermented and macerated on skins for up to 2 weeks with some partial barrel fermentation. Following pressing and clarification, the wine was matured in French oak hogsheads for approximately 18 months.

Enjoy

8 Songs Shiraz sings with rare roast beef, rich casseroles, beef and game pies, and of course, a great aged cheddar.

Analysis

Alc/vol 14.5%

T.A 6.7g/L

p/H 3.55

RS 3.0g/L

