

St. John's Road

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Blood and Courage Shiraz 2015

Every winter weekend, our red-blooded mates take to the field for Australia's unique brand of football – a true-blue test of skill, strength and character.

This classic Barossa Shiraz is a great illustration of teamwork by combining ripe, rich fruit from the vineyard with balanced oak integration and skilful winemaking.

Winemaking

An outstanding 2015 Shiraz vintage came as a relief following the challenges of last year; the yields from '15 have easily surpassed those of both '13 and '14, with all Shiraz fruit being recorded as showing strong colours and rich flavours.

Fruit for our 2015 Blood and Courage was again sourced from the Kalleske and Schutz family vineyards. The Kalleske blocks are located in the Ebenezer sub-region of the Barossa which were fortunate enough to escape the frost event that struck other vineyards in the area last October.

The Schutz acreage is located in Stonewell, a sub-region often noted as showcasing the most honest representation of Barossa Shiraz.

Following harvest, the Shiraz grapes were crushed in a 10T open-top fermenter, for six to ten day cool ferments. Maturation took place in new (10%) and second fill (90%) French oak Hogsheads (300L) and Barriques (225L) over the course of 12 months. A small portion of Mataro was also added to the blend, bringing a savoury element to the final wine.

Tasting Notes

Colour: Inky crimson red with purple hues

Aroma: Layered and complex - ripe mulberry, black pepper and a cherry cola sweetness.

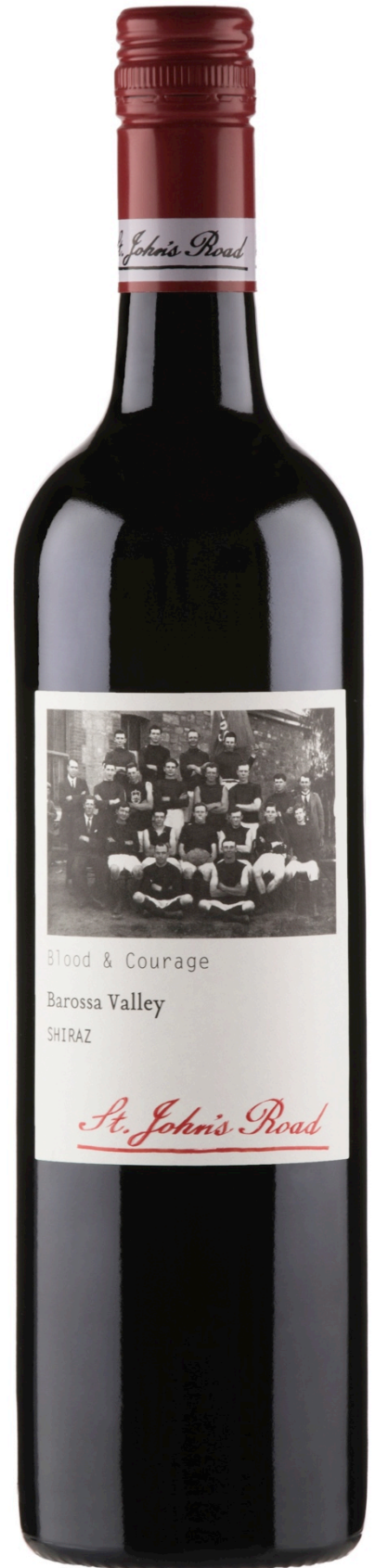
Palate: Rich and well-structured palate showing immediate primary fruit notes of blackberry and dark plum. An underlying earthiness is prevalent which adds to the complexity. The French oak adds depth and a toasted vanilla sweetness on the finish. An exciting style of Shiraz

Food Match: Moroccan spiced lamb chops with a cous cous and grilled vegetable salad

Cellaring: 10 years

Analysis

Alcohol:	14.5%	TA:	5.7 g/L
RS:	0.43 g/L	pH:	3.55
Other:	Vegan		



Winemaker – Phil Lehmann