

# 2013 GREGOR SHIRAZ

HOBBS OF BAROSSA, BAROSSA VALLEY, AUSTRALIA



## THE WINE:

A 100% Shiraz from the Hobbs Estate vineyard with vines planted in 1988. The fruit is hand picked before being placed on racks and semi dried in the style of the famous Amarone wines of Italy. The grapes lose much of their water through evaporation which concentrates the flavors and natural richness of the fruit. The grapes are then naturally fermented in open vats, resulting in a wine that is powerful and potent reaching over sixteen degrees of alcohol. The wine is aged in new French Oak barrels for a period of 24 months. Bottled unfiltered. This 2013 vintage yielded just under 600 cases.

## THE ESTATE:

Greg and Alison Hobbs purchased the property in 1995 after years of living in the big cities of Australia. Greg was a former police officer and member of the elite SWAT team in Sydney. The Hobbs Vineyard sits atop the lofty peaks of the Barossa Range above Flaxman's Valley. The original vineyard was planted in 1905. With a deep respect for nature and for the traditions of the region, the vineyard is grown using sustainable agricultural practices without irrigation. Hobbs winery produces a range of wines with the emphasis being on the mighty Shiraz grape. Production is extremely limited with an annual case production of only 1,500 cases per year.

## TASTING NOTES:

**Color:** dark purple

**Aromas:** powerful fruit driven black currant and plum with chocolate notes and whispers of toasted-vanilla scented oak

**Flavor & Texture:** rich and extremely concentrated body with ripe cherry and plum fruit, traces of tobacco and spice

**Food Pairing:** coffee rubbed pork shoulder slow cooked and served with an apple, jicama slaw

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