

2015 TANGO SHIRAZ-VIOGNIER

HOBBS OF BAROSSA RANGES, BAROSSA VALLEY, AUSTRALIA



THE WINE:

Sourced from a single vineyard planted in 1998 from old vine root cuttings (original vines from 1905), the 2015 Tango is a blend of 96% Shiraz and 4% Viognier. The style pays homage to the great red wines of Cote Rotie in the Northern Rhone Valley, France. The juice is co-fermented and then aged in 100% new French oak for 24 months prior to being bottled. Winemaker Chris Ringland brings with him an unmatched skill set in the world of Barossa Shiraz. Living next door to Greg and Alison Hobbs, he has become intimately familiar with the special terroir of this property and has masterfully crafted just 222 cases of this wine in 2015.

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 ruby red with a crimson hue

Aromas: intense red currants with dark plum lead to warm desert spices; subtle vanilla nuances with hints of sandalwood and melted chocolate

Flavor & Texture: the ripe and bold fruit shows both red and black profiles with plums and currants leading the charge; a Cointreau-like spice with plush, velvet tannins leads to a finish with echoes of fruit and flowers

Food Pairing: serve with grilled, marinated tri-tip alongside grilled fresh squash and sweet Maui onion

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