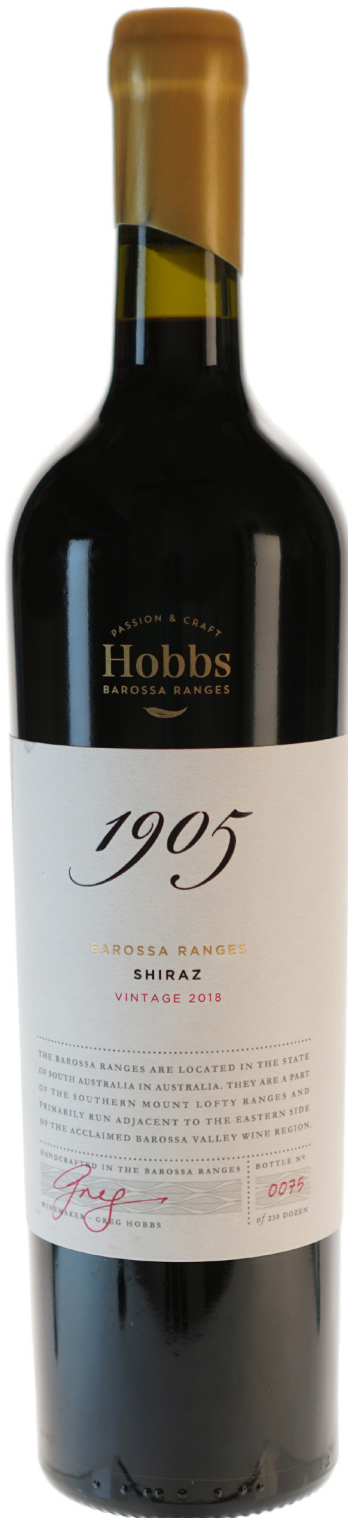


2018 HOBBS OF BAROSSA 1905 SHIRAZ

HOBBS OF BAROSSA RANGES, BAROSSA VALLEY, AUSTRALIA



THE WINE:

Sourced from the oldest block of vines on the Hobbs Estate, these 115-year-old vines, planted in 1905 are dry farmed and hand pruned and hand harvested. The gnarly old vines are extremely low yielding and give birth each year to some of the most intense wines you will ever experience. After a hand selection to ensure only perfectly matured fruit reaches the press, the grapes are fermented in open vats and aged for 24 months in 100% new French oak barrels. Winemakers Chris Ringland and Peter Schell partner with Greg and Alison Hobbs to produce only 150-175 cases of this wine each year. There were 400 bottles imported into the US market. The 2018 vintage received a 97 point score from Robert Parker and 98 points from James Halliday.

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 with crimson hues

Aromas: potent and intense black and red berry fruit burst out from the glass alongside exotic spices, coffee beans, hints of sage and sweet cedar

Flavor & Texture: red berries, spiced meat, cocoa and bay leaf saturate your palate as the velvet tannins and plush mouthfeel leave long and complex flavors to linger for minutes after the first sip

Food Pairing: Indonesian soy glazed lamb chops with garlic, brown sugar and red chili flakes served with garlic Yukon gold mashed potatoes

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