

TASTING NOTES



A grand Barossa wine is always like a fine ensemble cast, portraying where it comes from and when. *Private Selection*, from Lyndoch Manoir, is based on a grand trio of basic principles: a grand terroir, a superior vintner and the artistry of one of the most illustrious wine makers of our time.

Once produced only for family and friends, now this fine wine is available to others today – though only in limited supply. A grand vision was realized with *Private Selection*: the making of a top quality wine, without compromise; a wine so phenomenal that you will only want to share it with your closest family members and best of friends.

This perfectly balanced grand assemblage of Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot gives an unparalleled, unique depth to the bouquet of *Private Selection*. A full-bodied wine with velvety tannins, deep violet in colour, *Private Selection* has an intense aroma of black cassis with hints of chocolate and forest berries folded in and ends with a long finish. The subtle mix of aromatic complexity with the wine's innate brawn gives Lyndoch Manoir *Private Selection* a sustained opulence, brimming with impressions and feelings.

A long maturation period in French oak barrels adds to the full expression of *Private Selection*. The wine is aged very slowly, first in oak barrels and then for decades in the bottle. For each owner of an older vintage bottle of *Private Selection*, patience is richly rewarded. An older vintage unlocks complex flavour combinations, something like the maturing of an old friendship spanning decades. An aged vintage leads to an unforgettable experience.

Timeless moments have been enjoyed in Lyndoch, again and again, year after year, since 1837.

VARIETIES: A pristine trio of 3/4 Shiraz, 1/6 Cabernet Sauvignon and 1/12 Merlot. **WINE MAKER:** Bruno Tait, artisanal wine maker and a native of the Barossa Valley. **STYLE:** Full bodied with velvety tannins and a long finish. A rich classic style wine with high concentration of black current that follow through to dark chocolate aromas. **SOIL:** Well structured red-brown clays over limey boulders layers with high percentage of rocky fragments throughout the profile and at depths. **GRAPE GROWING:** Swiss management of the vineyard, with operations managed by Tom Ayers, awarded the title of Best Vintner of Australia. **AGES OF THE VINES:** between 12–40 years. **TRELLIS AND VINE TRAINING:** Single cordon spur trained bilaterally pruned with one set of movable wires. **YIELD:** Avg. 4.8 tonnes/hectare, ~ 3,250 litres/hectare **VINIFICATION:** Seven days on grape skins, in open fermentation at 23°C, punched and stirred by hand 3x per day. **PRESSING:** Basket pressed. **MATURATION:** Over one year in seasoned 1–5 year-old French oak barrels, medium-toasted; 300 litre capacity. **FILTRATION AND FINING:** None. **MARRIAGE:** After oak maturation. **CLIMATE:** Typical Mediterranean climate with a sunny spring but with crispness in the air. Summer (Dec-Feb) which is the main ripening period is characterised by warm days with mean temperature of 29°C and cool nights. **FOOD SERVING SUGGESTION:** Serve with meat dishes, cheese. **BREATHING:** Decanting is recommended. **If consumed at young age please open and decant up to 3-4 hours before drinking.**



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THE VISION



The Trilogy of the Lyndoch Manoir Private Selection

We were raised with the knowledge that a grand wine comes from a grand trio: a grand terroir, superior grapes and impeccable oenology.

Grand Terroir: The vineyards of Lyndoch Manoir are distinguished for their well-structured red-brown clays with calcareous rocks, an ideal condition for premium class vines. This unique terroir has been considered one of the best grape growing regions in the world for more than 150 years now, thanks to the combination of the Barossa Valley's Mediterranean and the ideal microclimate of each individual Lyndoch Manoir vineyard. Lyndoch was the first location where wine was cultivated in the world-famous Barossa Valley of today. Lyndoch Manoir honours this venerable tradition as we strive for a new top wine with each new vintage.

Superior Grapes: Lyndoch Manoir is proud to have perhaps one of the grandest vintners of our time for the growing of vineyard grapes: Tom Ayers. Tom Ayers is acknowledged as being one of the best grape growing experts in all of Australia, and among other things, he has been named the Best Vintner of Australia on multiple occasions. He regularly shares his knowledge of viniculture as a lecturer at universities. Viniculture is Tom Ayer's passion. Each stage in the work process is in itself a handicraft, one that should be carried out with a passion for detail and a singular goal in mind: to produce the best grapes of Barossa Valley, every year. This, in turn, can have only one purpose: to establish the foundation for a grand wine.

Impeccable oenology: Lyndoch Manoir succeeded in gaining one of the most renowned winemakers of Australia: Bruno Tait. His own family have been vintners and wine makers in Barossa for generations; indeed, Bruno Tait is considered one of the most innovative and best winemakers of the Barossa Valley today. In this respect, Bruno Tait is an artisan through and through. Each individual step in wine production is carried out in the same way a grand painter uses oils to paint a work of art. Perfection in each brushstroke, until the painting has achieved its intrinsic value. Bruno Tait understands that it takes this utter devotion to create a truly grand wine. In applying his passion, with each vintage Bruno Tait crafts an astounding top level wine that consistently amazes impassioned wine enthusiasts, and that wine experts regularly crown with the highest marks.



THE HISTORY



The historical grounds which commemorates the discovery of the Barossa Valley

Colonel William Light, founder of Adelaide and first Surveyor-General of South Australia, commenced his discovery and exploration of the north-east of Adelaide on December 11th 1837. According to the construction of the exploration track by historians* Colonel Light and his retinue traversed the grounds of our estate in the late afternoon of December 13th 1837. From our estate the explorers could cast for the first time on their journey an unobstructed view from the breathtaking vista over the Barossa Range at Lyndoch and the entire Barossa Valley. Based on this historic moment we commemorate Lyndoch Manoir as the place where today's world-famous Barossa has been discovered. It is evident to anyone who has ever visited Lyndoch Manoir that this vista is unique and has been an ideal trailhead for an explorer to plan further advancement into the discovery and exploration of the Barossa Range. Since 1847, Lyndoch has been the place to grow wine, and thus established itself as the first location where wine was cultivated in the world-famous Barossa Valley of today. The historic colonial architecture of Lyndoch Manoir pays homage to this historic commitment. Lyndoch Manoir today is a landmark in the vibrant history of Lyndoch. As part of the history of the Barossa Valley, we are dedicated to this grand tradition, from vintage to vintage and from decade to decade.

* "The Discovery and Exploration of the Barossa Range by Colonel William Light 1837" by John A. Lienert, The Lyndoch and District Historical Society, 1987