



ELDERTON

BAROSSA VALLEY
AUSTRALIA

The Ashmead Family *proprietors*
Julie Ashmead *winemaker*



Early German settlers named the Scholz's first planted this property in **1894**. Like much of Barossa Valley, the estate was in disrepair when Neil and Lorraine Ashmead purchased it in 1979 as their ideal home for raising a family. Discovering the homestead was surrounded by ancient Shiraz and Cabernet, the couple worked tirelessly for 3 years to restore what they considered a phenomenal vineyard treasure. Since the Ashmead's 1982 inaugural vintage, Elderton has become recognized as a major force in the rejuvenation of the Barossa.

The family's original vision still shines today, and Elderton is currently helmed by a second generation, brothers Cameron and Allister and their families. This new generation has expanded the business, adding two important vineyards in Craneford and Greenock. Their original 72-acre Barossa vineyard on the banks of the North Para River, the **Nuriootpa** site sees Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot planted to alluvial river silt soils over red and brown clays. **Craneford** is located deep in the Eden Valley ranges, with Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay vines growing in mineral-rich, rocky soils. In **Greenock** in the Western Barossa, the family grows Shiraz, Grenache, Cabernet Sauvignon, Carignan, Mataro, Semillon and Chardonnay in free-draining soils rich in ironstone.

The Ashmead's goal has always been to **create world-class wines from entrenched varieties grown in the Barossa from estate vineyards**. The Ashmeads celebrate the individuality of each terroir, favoring wines with strong varietal typicity that translate the specialness of their locality to the human palate – although they're also proud of ways in which their own personalities are carried through to the wines!

Elderton was the first winery in S Australia using Trees for Life to offset emissions. 168 solar panels reduce the winery's CO₂ emissions >55 tonnes/yr. Elderton is also regenerating the banks of the North Para River, and by harvesting rain water from roofs, Elderton is water self-sufficient 11 months of the year and recycles almost 100% of winery water for vineyard use.

Elderton Chardonnay "E Series" South Australia

The Ashmeads created their "E Series" as affordable, everyday drinking made with exceptional quality. Whilst made from premium Barossa fruit and receiving quality winemaking, these wines will always be priced to offer exceptional value for money. **"E is for excellence, it is for excitement, evolution, epicure, elegance and euphoria. E is for earth. E is for Elderton. Embrace and enjoy. Easy!"**

Elderton Cabernet-Shiraz "E Series" South Australia

The family has a long history of enthusiasm for exploring the very special interplay between Shiraz and Cabernet.

Elderton Cabernet Sauvignon Estate Barossa Valley

100% estate grapes from 2 of Elderton's 3 vineyards – adjacent to the banks of the North Para River in Nuriootpa, and in the Eastern ranges in Craneford. Consistently this has been a highly awarded wine, and the 1994 vintage gave Elderton its first international **Gold** medal at London's 1996 Int'l Wine Show. **James Halliday on 2013: 95** "Estate-grown vines 35-50yo; matured for 22 months in French hogsheads. Quite apart from the rarity of cabernet vines of this age, the viticultural skill in managing growth through to picking at this baume/alcohol level is the cornerstone for a strongly varietal cabernet treated with utmost respect in the winery. Drink by 2035."

Elderton Semillon Botrytis Greenock, Barossa Valley

This 60-acre vineyard in western Barossa's Greenock has plantings back to **1915** with a terroir that has long been in demand by many of the region's most elite winemakers. The vines were cordon-cut and the fruit allowed to desiccate for 3 weeks on the vine. **WE on 2015: 92** "This medium-bodied wine is rich and dessert-sweet, with the warm, lush feel of the Barossa. Candied pineapple and dried pear aromas and flavors turn honeyed and long on the finish."

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