

Elderton Wines

BAROSSA VALLEY, AUSTRALIA



Elderton vineyards were first planted in 1894 by early German settlers, the Scholz family. In 1916, it was purchased by Samuel Elderton Tolley who built himself a home on the Estate and sold the fruit to his family's winery. In 1975, the descendants of Mr Tolley decided to place the vineyard on the market. Lorraine and Neil Ashmead bought the property in 1979. The Ashmead's worked tirelessly to salvage and restore a phenomenal treasure of a vineyard. And started producing wines in 1982. Today, Elderton is celebrated as a major reason for the rejuvenation of the Barossa. Brothers Cameron and Allister's aim is to showcase the best that the Barossa has to offer.

YEAR FOUNDED: Vineyard 1894, Winery 1982

PROPRIETORS: The Ashmead Family

WINEMAKER: Richard Langford

SIZE OF PROPERTY: Estate Vineyard (Nuriootpa), 72 acres; Helbig Vineyard (Greenock), 55 acres; Cranford Vineyard (Eden Valley), 40 acres

AMOUNT OF PROPERTY PLANTED: Elderton is made up of three sites-Nuriootpa, Craneford (Eden Valley) & Greenock (Western Barossa) with a total of about 160 acres planted.

TERROIR: Alluvial river silt soils over red and brown clays dominate the Nuriootpa site. The soils of Craneford are mineral rich & rocky. Greenock soils are free draining and rich in ironstone.

ANNUAL PRODUCTION: 30-40,000 cases

VARIETIES CULTIVATED: Shiraz, Cabernet, Merlot, Grenache, Mouvedre, Carignan, Chardonnay, Semillon, Mataro

ORGANIC/SUSTAINABLE CERTIFICATIONS: First winery in South Australia to offset company emissions by planting trees. A solar panel grid has reduced the winery's carbon dioxide emissions by at least 55 tons annually. By harvesting rain water, Elderton is water self-sufficient 11 months of the year. In addition, the winery recycles close to 100% of the winery water to a quality level that can be used on the vineyard.

