

Elderton



## ELITE RANGE

### 2006 Command

#### History

The Elderton Command Shiraz has established an enviable reputation since the first vintage in 1984. It is truly one of Australia's best and most highly regarded Icon wines. Accolades have come from the world over for vintages such as the 1992, which was chosen by the influential wine critic Robert Parker in his U.S. magazine the *Wine Advocate* as one of the world's top 80 wines. The 1995 Command was awarded 95 points by *Wine Spectator* and placed in their top 100 wines, the 2000 was awarded 97 points by the same magazine and placed 27 in their top 100 and the 1996 Command won the trophy for the best Shiraz in the world at the London International Wine and Spirit Competition, which Elderton's principal - Lorraine Ashmead believes ratifies her plans, aspirations and expectations to produce a great wine of the world.

#### Single Vineyard Information

<b>Variety</b>	100% Shiraz
<b>Clone</b>	Unknown, own roots
<b>Age</b>	Planted circa 1894. Classed as a centenarian block by the Barossa Old Vine Charter
<b>Soil</b>	Deep alluvial silt over red and brown earths and limestone
<b>Rainfall</b>	Average - 501.8mm
<b>Spacing</b>	Vine spacing 1.5m, Row Width 3m East to West Row Direction
<b>Trellis</b>	Have been reworked to double wire vertical (from single)
<b>Yield</b>	1-2 tonnes per hectare

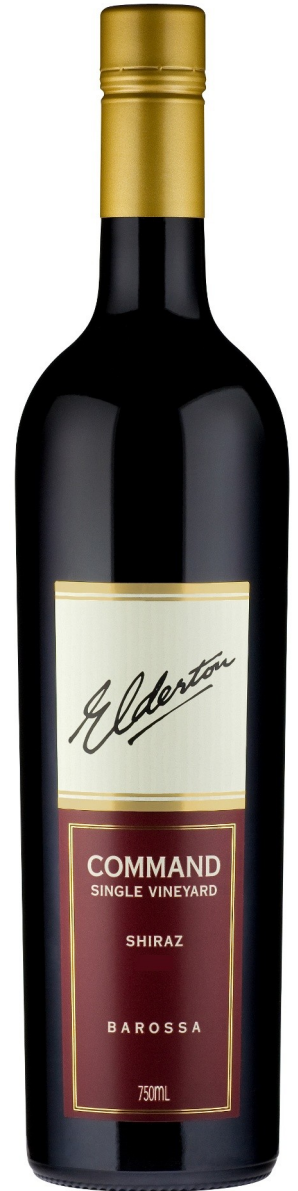
#### Winemaker's Comments

*Following a good spring, there was plenty of subsoil moisture for the old Command vines to prosper in what would be a warm and dry summer. A cool February however delaying full ripening until late March. This has resulted in more blueberry and mulberry fruit characters than normal and very soft, pliable tannins adding structure and finesse. Leave it sleep for another 5-10 years.*

- Richard Langford

#### Accolades

GOLD, BEST IN CLASS - International Wine & Spirits Competition 2010  
★★★★★, 94 points & Top 100 New Releases - Gourmet Wine Traveller, April/May 2010  
94 points - Jeremy Oliver, The Australian Wine Annual 2010  
94 points - Robert Parker Wine Advocate, December 2009      94 points - James Halliday Wine Companion 2010



#### Vintage Details

<b>Vintage</b>	2006
<b>Region</b>	Barossa
<b>Variety</b>	100% Shiraz
<b>Maturation</b>	34 months in new American and French oak
<b>Alc/Vol</b>	14.5%
<b>TA</b>	7.49g/L
<b>pH</b>	3.26