



2015 Langmeil Freedom 1843 Shiraz

Price: \$TBD + refundable bottle deposit and handling fee

Varietal: Shiraz/Syrah

Brand: Langmeil

LCBO Product #: 403260

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Region: Barossa Valley, Australia

Category: Regular Consignment

Bottles Per Case: 6

Bottle Size: 750ml

Availability

Currently out of stock

Background

The German settlement of Langmeil was first established in 1843, in an area adjacent to the North Para River along what is today known as Langmeil Road (Tanunda). The Langmeil property has been under vines since the early 1840's, the original Auricht estate comprising mixed farming, orchards, butcher, blacksmith, cobbler and, of course, a vineyard. The property was purchased in 1996 by three local businessmen whose families have lived in the Barossa Valley for several generations: Richard Lindner, Chris Bitter and Carl Lindner. They restored the old buildings and the village well, refurbished the winery and named it Langmeil, after the original village.

Some of Christian Auricht's original vines still remained, a 3 1/2 acre patch of the 1840s Shiraz - now the gem of Langmeil Winery estate. With tender loving care the vines have been restored and receive constant attention. They continue to be dry grown and, with hand pruning and hand picking, the grapes provide a wine with rich and unique qualities. Christian Auricht's old vineyard is the source of Langmeil Winery's single vineyard Shiraz. This rare wine commemorates the pioneering spirit of the first settlers and their willingness to endure so much hardship for the right to keep their faith; it has been named The Freedom.

Tasting Notes

"One of the treasures of the Barossa Valley is this Shiraz vineyard in Tanunda, planted in 1843. Langmeil's 2015 The Freedom 1843 Shiraz is a rich, opulent example of Barossa Shiraz, loaded with blueberry, blackberry and plum fruit, buttressed by just the right amount of soft, creamy oak. Full-bodied yet lively, it has a deftness to its feel that makes it all too easy to drink. While it's mostly about ripe fruit and vanilla oak at this point, these wines consistently acquire more savory complexity over time while retaining their lovely textures." **Robert Parker 96**

