

BAROSSA VALLEY  
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# 2002 Barossa Valley Estates E&E Sparkling Shiraz

## Background Information

Each year, from a selection of more than 60 growers that make up the Co-operative, B.V.E carefully hand picks only the finest Shiraz grapes for the renowned E&E Black Pepper Shiraz. The succulent fruit is predominantly chosen from the most mature, dry grown Shiraz vines from the Northerly aspect of the valley. These vines, cultivated only using the utmost of care, are low cropping, producing small berries providing intensely concentrated flavours and unique character.

## Tasting Notes

Deep crimson red in appearance, with a slight hue of age and a fine bead of bubble. Aromas of lifted cherry, chocolate, plum and spice are present, with subtle background oak support. The palate is rich and full, with a vibrant mouthfeel and great length of fruit and oak. A soft finish rounds off this superb example of a well balanced sparkling shiraz. With careful cellaring this wine will improve for up to 5 years after release.

## Winemaker's Notes

Made from 100% Shiraz, this wine, sourced from low-cropping Barossa vineyards, spent its first 12 months in 50% American and 50% French oak - 25% of which was new. A further 18 months was spent in 100% older French oak barrels.

The superb quality and perfection of this Barossa icon is indicative of the intimate working relationship between winemaker and grower. Maximum flavour retention and complexity have been achieved through meticulous attention to detail with each individual process.

The 2002 E&E Sparkling Shiraz further reinforces the Barossa Valley Estate reputation of delivering world class wines.



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**Vintage** 2002

**Growing Areas**  
Barossa Valley

**Grape Variety**  
Shiraz

**Winemaker**  
Stuart Bourne

**Food suggestion:**

Enjoy this sensational wine with turkey, soft cheeses and savoury desserts

**Alcohol** 15.0%

**pH** 3.26

**Acidity**  
6.7 grams/litre

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