



LUNAR BLOCK

BAROSSA VALLEY
SHIRAZ

2008

LUNAR BLOCK SHIRAZ HAS BEAUTIFULLY PERFUMED RED BERRY AND BLACKBERRY AROMAS COMBINED WITH COFFEE AND CLOVE FROM FINE FRENCH OAK. THE PALATE IS FULL AND HARMONIOUS, WITH A SOLID STRUCTURE AND ULTRA-FINE-GRAINED TANNINS.

Ben Kurtz planted his original vineyard in the hamlet of Light Pass in the 1930s. In 1957 his son Otto took over working the vineyard, and its vines are still in production today. As the eldest son of Otto, John Kurtz was forced to find his own land to continue his family's tradition of grape growing. In 1961, together with his wife Erril, John purchased a 16 hectare property, also at Light Pass, in the heart of the Barossa.

On 20th July 1969 mankind took its 'one giant leap' and 650 million people watched as Neil Armstrong walked on the Moon. On the same day, John and Erril purchased an additional block that adjoined their vineyard on Stockwell Road. In honour of the moon landing, Erril named it 'Lunar Block' and to this day it still proudly bears the name. Replanted to Shiraz later that year, the Lunar Block vines now represent the oldest on the property.

The son of John and Erril, current custodian Steve Kurtz established Kurtz Family Vineyards in 1997, producing the first vintage of the flagship Lunar Block Shiraz in 1999.

WINE DETAILS

VINEYARD SOURCE	Sourced entirely from the original 1969 Lunar Block Shiraz plantings. The block's unique microclimate boasts a mix of ironstone, limestone and orange-red clay soils on a gently sloping, north-west facing hillside. Evening gully breezes provide a cooling effect during summer, allowing the distinctive fruit flavours to fully develop without overripening. Low cropping and minimal irrigation create perfect vine balance, ensuring excellent colour, structure, and concentrated varietal character.
WINEMAKING	Matured in for 29 months in new French oak hogsheads.
ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 14.5% Acidity: 6.2 g/L pH: 3.50
PEAK DRINKING	Cellaring potential to 2020. I highly recommend that this wine be decanted prior to serving.
FOOD MATCH	Lunar Block Shiraz is a great match with grilled, pan-fried or roasted meats, and other full flavoured dishes.

TASTING NOTES

COLOUR	Rich dark red with hints of purple-black.
NOSE	Beautifully perfumed fruit, and coffee and clove from the oak combine with sweet underlying red berry fruit and savoury blackberry aromas.
PALATE	The palate has ultra-fine-grained tannins that are totally unobtrusive and provide a solid backbone to hold the wine together and provide a lovely mouth-feel. Like all the wines from this winery, it is full-bodied, has a solid structure and firm consistency. The complexity is harmonious and agreeable, and the wine just slips down deliciously.



Steven Kurtz | Winemaker-Vigneron

AVAILABILITY

Independent bottle shops
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