



# SEVEN SLEEPERS

BAROSSA VALLEY

'THE BLEND'

2014

SEVEN SLEEPERS 'THE BLEND' IS A FRUIT DRIVEN WINE DOMINATED BY THE BERRY FRUIT OF CABERNET SAUVIGNON ON THE NOSE. A LAYER OF CHOCOLATE FROM SHIRAZ AND THE SWEETNESS OF PETIT VERDOT ARE EVIDENT ON THE PALATE.

The Kurtz family are fifth generation Barossans of German descent. The original Kurtz Family Vineyard was planted in the 1930s, with vines still in use today. These vines, together with later plantings and acquisitions in the fifties and sixties, allow fourth generation grapegrower and vigneron, Steve Kurtz, to draw on significant old-vine fruit to create a range of wines that are fine examples of the traditional Barossa style – full flavoured reds that are rich on the nose and palate.

Seven Sleepers, or Siebenschlaffer, is named after an old Barossa German farmers' lore, being that the weather that occurs on 27 June is likely to be prevalent for the next 7 weeks. The first wine destined for the Seven Sleepers range was a blend of 7 grape varieties from the 2004 vintage, thus cementing the name.

## WINE DETAILS

VINEYARDS	All fruit for Seven Sleepers is grown or sourced from vineyards in the Barossa Valley. The vines receive minimal irrigation and are pruned for low yields to provide vine balance and maximum fruit quality and varietal characteristics.
VARIETY	Petit Verdot 30% - Cabernet Sauvignon 30% - Shiraz 30% - Malbec 10%
GROWING SEASON	Early rains set the vines up well, but windy conditions during fruit-set, and November frosts, lowered yields. Warm days, relatively cool late-spring and summer nights, and a cool, rainy mid-February extended ripening.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 14.0%   Acidity: 6.5 g/L   pH: 3.55
PEAK DRINKING	The rich combination of sweet, mouthfilling flavours is ideally suited to current consumption, however the wine will also reward careful short-term cellaring.
FOOD MATCH	Seven Sleepers 'The Blend' is a non-traditional red blend from the Barossa Valley offering a chance to match fine spicy food with fine Barossa red wine.

## TASTING NOTES

COLOUR	Bright dark red.
NOSE	Seven Sleepers has a fruit driven nose dominated by fragrant plum, blackcurrant and blackberry aromas, with hints of chocolate and wild herbs.
PALATE	Plush, bright, and bold with great drinkability. Petit Verdot fruit-sweetness is apparent on the palate, with subtle oak allowing the fruit to show its full potential. Long, structural tannins give the wine a lingering finish.



**Steven Kurtz | Vigneron & Winemaker**

## AVAILABILITY

Independent bottle shops  
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