

WINE ANALYSIS

SEVEN SLEEPERS

BAROSSA
'THE BLEND'
2021

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

The Kurtz family are sixth generation Barossan's of German descent. The original Kurtz Family Vineyard was planted in the 1930s, with vines still in use today. Later plantings and acquisitions in the fifties and sixties, allow fifth generation 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 Fruit for Seven Sleepers 'The Blend' 2021 was sourced from the Kurtz Family Vineyard at Light Pass in the Barossa Valley

and a small vineyard at Craneford Road in Eden Valley. The vines received minimal irrigation and were pruned for low yields to provide vine balance, optimum fruit quality, and

intense varietal character.

VARIETY Cabernet Sauvignon 55% | Shiraz 30% | Petit Verdot 15%

GROWING SEASON Relatively good rainfall in Autumn, and again towards the

end of Spring, soil moisture was generally at good levels going into Summer. This, along with reasonably cool summer temperatures, meant the vines were healthy; a good number of bunches set, and berry size remained at optimum levels for high quality wine grape production.

Alc/Vol: 14.0% | Acidity: 6.3 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

that offers the chance to match full-flavoured and spicy foods with fine Barossa red wine.

TASTING NOTES

COLOUR Bright purple-red with crimson hues.

NOSE A bright, lively, fruit-driven wine with

dominant aromas of black currant and mint chocolate, with hints of dried

herbs.

PALATE Succulent blue and black fruits fill the

palate, with a touch of oak that supports but doesn't dominate, allowing the juicy savoury fruit to show its full potential. Fine, ripe tannins give length, with a finish that's silky, yet gently structured, with delicious,

lingering flavour.

Steven Kurtz | Vigneron & Winemaker