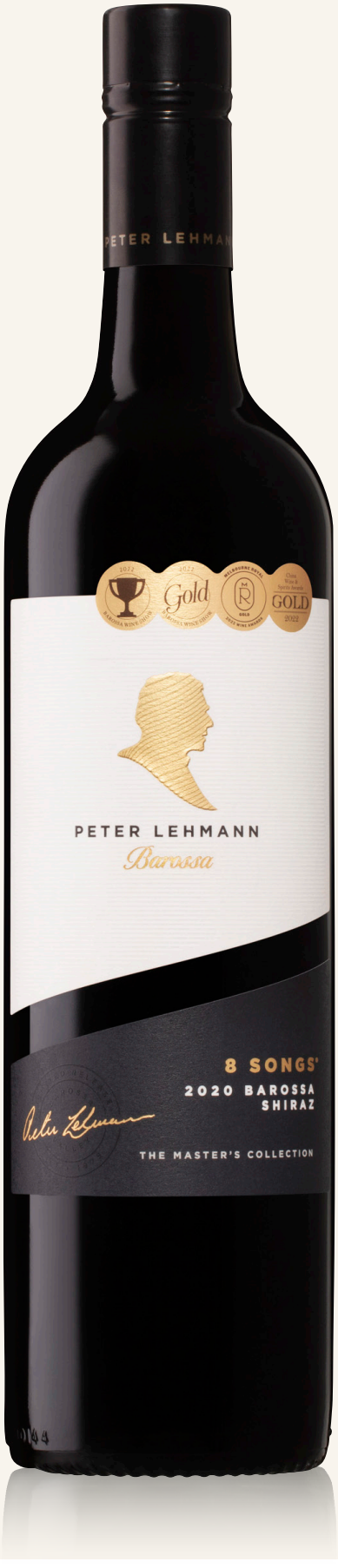
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Barossa

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PLW 2020 EIGHT SONGS BAROSSA SHIRAZ

Founded in 1979, Peter Lehmann Wines brings unmatched diversity, uniqueness and quality from more than 800 hand-tended vineyards across the length and breadth of all 14 Barossa sub-regions. The quality of Peter Lehmann Wines are a testament to our relationships, allowing us access to the region's finest grapes.

The Masters wines are named after a person whom, or event that, has played an intrinsic role in the Peter Lehmann story. Crafted from the classic Barossa varietals, the wines are released with 5 years of bottle age and will continue to age gracefully for many years.

Peter Lehmann had great passion for the arts and 'Eight Songs for A Mad King' was one of his favourite ensemble musical works. Inspired by its soft harmonies, Peter created a wine to show an elegant and distinctly softer side to Barossa Shiraz.

REGION
Barossa Valley, South Australia.

VINEYARD
Sourced from some of our most highly regarded blocks which consistently produce Shiraz of the highest calibre.

Fruit for the 2020 Eight Songs was harvested from four growers in three districts;

- Light Pass – Peter Scholz, Wayne & Scott Grope
- Bethany – Peter & Wendy Gladigau
- Koonunga – Matt & Jono Hampel

Whilst these districts have distinctive soils and micro-climates, what they do have in common is the ability to grow Shiraz of immense concentration, yet retain both complexity, focus and elegance –intrinsic parts of the 8 Songs style.

The resultant combination of the three areas resembles a complete artwork on the palate, integrated and balanced.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS
A temperamental spring of 2019, followed by a hot & dry summer saw yields in the Barossa well below the 10-year average for vintage 2020. Unfortunately in the peak of flowering, a heat wave followed by incredibly strong northerly winds severely reduced any hopes of healthy crop levels for Shiraz across the Valley floor. The reduced yields meant ripening came on quickly, with the majority of Barossa Shiraz blocks being harvested towards the end of February. Fortunately cool nights prevailed during the harvest period, allowing the fruit to be picked at its absolute optimum. Low yields resulted in concentrated flavor, colour and tannin in Barossa Shiraz and beautifully distributed palate texture and weight

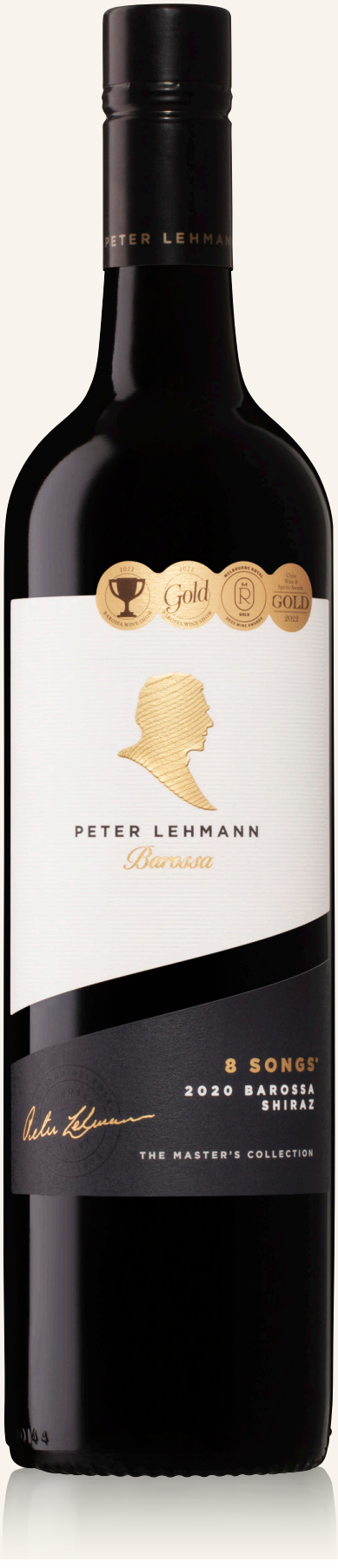
WINEMAKING & MATURATION
Fermented and macerated on skins for up to 2 weeks with some partial barrel fermentation. Following pressing and clarification, the wine was matured in French oak hogsheads (25% 3yo, 25% 1yo and 50% New) for approximately 18 months.

Each parcel that has gone in to this Eight Songs blend was kept separate right up until classification, whereby the winemaking team painstakingly selects the batches that best represent the Eight Songs style.

Bottled February 2022.

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COLOUR
Deep crimson in colour with purple hues.

NOSE/AROMA
Lifted chocolate, vanilla, ripe blackberry and raspberry notes and a touch of Christmas cake, backed by toasted, perfumed oak

PALATE
Mouth-filling seductive red and blue fruits, a touch of herbal spice and a wholesome savoury vanillin finish. Powdery and plush tannins with a fruit-sweet cocoa finish round the palate our beautifully.

ANALYSIS
Alc/Vol 14.7% **T.A** 6.50g/L **pH** 3.53 **RS (Glucose & Fructose)** 0.49g/L

PEAK DRINKING
While drinking beautifully now, this Shiraz can be cellared with confidence until 2040.

ENJOY
Rare roast beef will make the perfect match, as will rich casseroles, beef and game pies. Let's not forget great aged cheddar will also match to finish the end of a fantastic evening of fun and frivolity.