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In South Australia's Barossa Valley, in the township of Nuriootpa is where you'll find the Welland vineyard. Planted in 1923 by one of the Barossa's founding families, Welland is the last remaining section of much larger plantings of vines and fruit orchards that once occupied the northern end of the township.

Over the years much of the original vineyard and orchard had been cleared, subdivided and built upon. But when the last remaining hectares of this historic old Nuriootpa vineyard were listed for sale as a development site, a group of friends banded together to purchase it and breathe life back into this important part of Barossa history. With some vines dead, the trellis posts weathered and the wire rusted and broken, this old vineyard really needed some love. To allow the vineyard to be resurrected successfully and to ensure its protection as a living part of Barossa history, the small, dark and flavor-filled Shiraz berries it produces each year needed a home. Not just any home but their own home — a wine brand that could capture and share what a unique site this is and what unbelievable wine could be produced from these tough old Shiraz vines.

WINERY: WELLAND

WINE NAME: VALLEY & VALLEY

VINTAGE: 2019

GRAPE: SHIRAZ

ALC VOL: 14.5%

REGION: BAROSSA & EDEN VALLEY

SUB REGION: NURIOOTPA

SOIL TYPE: CLAY, LOAM

VINE AGE: 10 - 15 YEARS, 5,000 V/HA

IRRIGATION: YES

TRELLIS: VSP, 5,000 V/HA

ASPECT: NORTH FACING SLOPE

CLONE: EVOVS3

FERMENTATION: NATIVE

FINISHING: AMERICAN OAK 12 MONTHS

WINEMAKER NOTES

We aim for a style that typifies the Barossa plush fruit, subtle use of oak and soft, round tannins. This Shiraz offers rich, concentrated red and blue fruits, dark chocolate and mocha notes with hints of spice and cedar oak. The palate is rich with good structure and great length of flavor. Picked, crushed and destemmed into a fermenter for seven days, the ferment is pumped over twice daily to maximize color and flavor extraction of the fruit. Filled to American oak for up to 12 months.

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