



## Sami-Odi

2019

# 'HD'

*Syrah | Barossa Valley - Australia*



BIODYNAMIC



NATURAL



VEGAN

### Stats

**Grapes:** 100% Syrah

**Vineyard:** Hoffman-Dallwitz Vineyard

**Vine Age:** Predominantly 92-131-years-old with about 10% 23-year-old vine fruit

**Soil Type:** Ironstone and red clay-loam over deep red clay

**Viticulture:** Practicing Biodynamic

**Fermentation:** Native – Stainless-steel (100% whole-cluster - semi-carbonic)

**Skin Contact:** 16-28 days

**Aging:** 18 months in 228L Burgundy pièces (25% new)

**pH:** 3.77

**Total Acidity:** 4.6 g/L

**Total SO2:** 56 ppm

**Total Production:** 434 cases

### About

Fraser's 'simple yet attentive' farming philosophy remains unchanged since his first vintage, but he begins to learn more about the subtleties of Adrian Hoffman's vineyard. Fraser picks some parcels of the biodynamically farmed vineyard early for acidity and drive and a few picked much later providing that definitive Barossa richness. He remains prudent in the vineyard with labor intensive farming and is vigilant not just during the growing season but during the 'regrowth' season with all pruning cuts are made amid descending lunar cycles, producing healthy canes, balanced clusters and small berries with resilient skins in the summer. All of this work results in the harvest of healthy fruit early in the season that requires no additions or adjustments and little intervention.

2019 was a trying vintage and one where the parched and sweltry conditions resulted in exceedingly low yields. The '19 release is a decadent and brooding rendition of the Hoffmann's garnet soils. Fraser feels that the vintage wine, as opposed to 'Little Wine', is less about the quality of the final wine and more about his experience of the growing year alongside the vines. "It is shaped a bit by my interpretation of how the season felt, the way the season felt for me, and that's how I select for the wine; the seasonal experiences that the wines go through are paramount and I'm not trying to force the wine into a narrow band or make a house style. It's a better reflection of what I do," says Fraser.

### Reviews

The Wine Front | 97 points

### Tasting Note

Brilliant ruby. An explosively perfumed nose displays seductive aromas of cherry liqueur, boysenberry, pipe tobacco and potpourri. Supple and sweet on the palate, offering deeply concentrated red and dark berry flavors with exotic notes of chewing tobacco, spicecake and candied violet. Supple tannins build on the long, sappy finish, with the floral quality strongly repeating.