



PHASE THREE

Barossa Valley - Australia



Background

Phase Three is a family winery in the Flaxman Valley, started by Ben and Sabina Kelley during their "third phase" of life after leaving careers in wine retail and the food industry. Seeking a simpler life, they moved to Barossa with their children, dogs, and a bird, initially intending only to plant truffle-inoculated oak trees. However, after a suggestion at a local winery, they ventured into winemaking, sourcing old vine Shiraz and Chardonnay for their first vintage in 2019. The following year, they purchased a historic 38-acre property in Eden Valley, where they planted vineyards, hazelnut groves, and maintained areas for native wildlife and sheep grazing. Their winemaking philosophy emphasizes simplicity, with minimal intervention, whole cluster fermentations, and gravity transfers. Dero, their flagship wine, refers to a social derelict, which is how they felt starting a winery in the Barossa with no family history and no connections. The choice of this name and the unique brown paper bag packaging serve as a quirky reminder of their unconventional journey.



Highlights

- 1** Phase Three is a family winery in the Flaxman Valley, started by Ben and Sabina Kelley, two first-gen winemakers.
- 2** The estate is a historic 38-acre property in Eden Valley, where vineyards, hazelnut groves, and areas for native wildlife and sheep grazing are all maintained.
- 3** The style of their flagship wine, Dero, is minimal intervention with whole cluster & native yeast fermentation.

Wines



'Dero' Shiraz SRP \$60

This is Phase Three's flagship wine sourced from an allocated Ebenezer plot farmed by Adrian Hoffmann, one of Australia's most lauded viticulturists. The handpicked fruit underwent various fermentations, including whole-cluster carbonic maceration, then aged in French oak for about 1.5 years. It was blended with older Dero and about 10% Pinot Noir before being bottled unfined, unfiltered and with minimal sulfur. It is lush, earthy, and silky.

Ethos



NATURAL



ORGANIC



VEGAN

Packaging



Experimental

Traditional

Press



This is pure and refined...
Excellent. Yes. Very good.

95 points

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'Dero' Shiraz 2021