

SEVEN SLEEPERS

BAROSSA
'THE BLEND'
2022



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' 2022 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 60% Shiraz 30% Malbec 10%
VINEYARDS	Good rainfall in Winter and Spring of 2021 saw excellent soil moisture levels and ensured a good growing season leading into Vintage 2022. Some inclement weather conditions during the flowering period resulted in a variable fruit set so cropping levels were naturally reduced. Good rainfall in February resulted in an even ripening period, relatively stress-free ripening and overall, a good growing season.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 14.5% Acidity: 6.5 g/L pH: 3.60
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

AVAILABILITY

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