



Who is Purple Hands?

When two good mates get together, one the Chief Premium Winemaker with Accolade Wines from the Barossa Valley with his own vineyard, the other with a passion for wine, the inevitable had to happen and Purple Hands Wines was created.

And the name?

Anyone who has made red wine will know what a pair of purple stained hands looks like. A red wine makers hands become stained purple during vintage due to the constant contact with grape skins and the juice. This was the inspiration behind our name and wine label.



Mark Slade and Craig Stansborough Purple Hands Wines Proprietors

Where are we?

Our home is located in the southern Barossa area, our heart is a 32 Acre vineyard with a great aspect and near perfect dirt, friable red clay over limestone, ideal for growing high quality red grapes. The vineyard plantings include Shiraz, Montepulciano and Aglianico. Purple Hands sources premium fruit from our vineyard as well as Grenache, Mataro, Negroamaro and Cabernet Sauvignon from a small group of dedicated and passionate growers from the region. The southern end of the valley is recognized as the "cooler" end of the valley, with slightly lower temperatures and longer ripening periods to develop flavours.

What are we about?

Our aim is to produce fruit driven wines of elegance and texture, showcasing not only the Barossa but each little patch of dirt where we source grapes from. We aim to make balanced wines so they can be consumed as young wines, but will also become interesting and enjoyable older wines. So that really means you can enjoy them now, but we are confidant our wines have the potential to cellar if you have the patience.

Awards & Recognition

With our first vintage in 2006, the brand has grown to receive red 5 star status and was selected in the top 10 new 5 star wineries with James Halliday in 2013. In their short history the wines have received a string of accolades and awards, including James Halliday's Top 100, Adelaide Review Hot 100, Tony Love's Top 100, gold medals in the Barossa, Adelaide and Australian Alternate Varieties wine shows.



James Halliday's review in 2011 stated "Both the Shiraz and Grenache have a common theme of elegance, and a voice distinctly different to that of mainstream Barossa."











Barossa Wine Show 2019: Most Successful Exhibitor – Small Producer

At the 2019 Barossa Wine Show, Purple Hands Wines took home 8 gold medals, 1 silver medal and 3 Trophies from 11 wines submitted. This included the Cooperages 1912 Trophy Most Successful Exhibitor – Small Producer, something that we are immensely proud of. Our 2018 After Five Wine Co. Serata was also selected at the show by the Chairman of Judges for The Barossa Cellar Trophy.



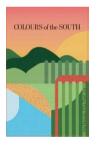
Barossa Winemaker Of The Year

Craig Stansborough was awarded the 2014 Barossa winemaker of the year by the Barons of the Barossa. The Barons of Barossa was founded in 1974 by a group of influential Barossa wine industry personalities. The focus of the Barons of Barossa has remained unchanged since its foundation and it continues to proudly and enthusiastically support Barossa wine, viticulture, gastronomy, heritage and the arts.



The Labels:

We have the following labels in our range:



Colours of the South range: This label was inspired by the view out over our southern Barossa vineyard. The dam, the paddocks then the rolling hills covered with vines on deep red clay soils with the setting sun over the distant hills, what beautiful sight to behold. The artwork was developed by local artist Oliver Reutens.



Purple Hands Wines range: Anyone who has made red wine will know what a pair of purple stained hands looks like. A red wine makers hands become stained purple during vintage due to the constant contact with grape skins and the juice. Of course when winemakers are busy, they wipe their hands on their shirt, and this was the inspiration behind our name and the original wine label.



After Five Wine Co. range: The After Five Wine Co. was born to showcase vineyards that have consistently produced wines of quality and importantly also have expressed their sites and the Barossa region. We have focused on minimal winemaking intervention with the purpose of letting the wine express the site, vineyard and season. The idea behind the name (After Five Wine Co) was a reflection on when many of our ideas, thoughts and plans began, generally after five and with a glass or two of wine,





obviously it also reflects what happens in many homes, bars and restaurants every night as the evening approaches. The barrels selected to go into the After Five Wine Co. range represents the quality, complexity and depth we were searching for this label.



Planta Circa Ancestor Vine range: In 2012, we uncovered 468 exceptional Cabernet Sauvignon vines hidden at the back of an old vineyard across the road from the Zerk Family Vineyard outside of Lyndoch. The historian we asked to investigate the history unearthed the amazing story of PF Zimmerman and the family owned vineyard originally established back in the mid 1800's. The vineyard was planted by his father and handed over to PF Zimmerman sometime in the 1870's where it was further developed. Thanks to this information, the Cabernet, Shiraz and Grenache vines are estimated to have been planted between 1880 – 1890. The Cabernet vines are some of the oldest vines on own roots in the world still bearing fruit today. Originally starting with the Cabernet, we now also take the Grenache and Shiraz from this same vineyard, creating a range of 3 Ancestor Vine wines (vines equal or over 125 years of age) that showcase what these amazing ancient vines can still produce.

Cellar Door

We are delighted to be part of Artisans of the Barossa. A group of like-minded producers with a common goal to protect and promote small batch, sub-regional winemaking. Our individual wineries from Hobbs of Barossa Ranges, Schwarz Wine Company, John Duval Wines, Sons of Eden, Lienert Vineyards, Spinifex Wines and Purple Hands Wines have different winemaking styles representing the breadth and diversity of our home – the Barossa Valley. Our commitment is making inspirational wines that uphold the culture and traditions of Barossa. We make products that excite, inspire and delight our customers and each other.

The Artisans of Barossa Wine Room is located at Vino Lokal Barossa Wine Room & Bar at 64 Murray Street Tanunda in the heart of the Barossa Valley. Our wines can be tasted there along with the other Artisans of Barossa. Vino Lokal also offers a Wine Bar with a range of dining options from a menu created by Director of Cuisine Ryan Edwards, formerly of the one-hat Appellation Restaurant at The Louise.









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