



### **IAN HONGELL, Winemaker, Peter Lehmann Wines**

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Acknowledged as a highly versatile and skilled Australian winemaker, Ian Hongell brings strong creative and technical expertise to his craft. A graduate of Roseworthy Agricultural College in 1992, Ian Hongell grew up in the Barossa, Australia's most famous wine region. Comprised of the Barossa Valley and Eden Valley, the Barossa is home to some of the oldest and best Shiraz vineyards in the world, acclaimed Rieslings and iconic wine brands.

Peter Lehmann Wines is a Barossan institution that has achieved international acclaim with its roots still firmly planted in the rich and vibrant soils of the Barossa Valley. Soils that have been worked by wine growing families through more than five generations.

Ian has worked vintages in California, France and Germany as well as holding a senior winemaking position for five years in New South Wales. In 1998, Ian joined Peter Lehmann Wines, Australia's pre-eminent winemaking team, bringing back to his beloved Barossa Valley a wealth of winemaking experience and boundless enthusiasm.

Ian is proud of the exceptional vineyards that are the heart of this collection of rare wines that defines excellence in Barossa winemaking. He comments "There are vineyards that history tells us to keep an eye on. Often tended by the same family for generations, these old, low yielding vineyards are located in the harder country of the Barossa, where rainfall is sparse. Mother Nature allows only the strongest to survive so than the fruit that comes to bear carries with it presence and pedigree."