



## STEADFAST SHIRAZ CABERNET

### STORY BEHIND THE WINE

Founded in the 1840s, the Barossa is one of Australia’s oldest wine regions. Generations of grape growers and winemakers have ensured its Steadfast reputation for quality which is recognised worldwide. This blend is truly a part of Australian culture and is difficult to replicate anywhere else in the world.

### THE WINERY

The Lindner family of Langmeil Winery has been immersed in the Barossa’s culture of farming, food, wine and community for six generations. Their commitment to quality in all aspects is unwavering and any wine that bears the Langmeil name represents the family’s pursuit of excellence in wine and community.

## WINEMAKER’S NOTES

### 2017 VINTAGE REPORT

The Barossa experienced a wetter and cooler (2°C) than average winter and spring with good soil moisture levels. Vines grew slowly but healthily, mostly flowering well and setting a good number of bunches. Temperatures were below average in December and January with few heat spikes and rains of 40mm spread evenly over four events kept the vines healthy with unhurried veraison. The 30-40mm summer rain of 4-6 February were followed by windy conditions and four consecutive 37°C days, helping to dry out canopies and preventing berry split. Additionally, soil moisture levels were topped-up, maintaining the canopies during a cooler than average summer. The rest of February remained dry, and a warm March (average maximum temperature 28°C) saw the beginning of an Indian Summer which lasted until the third week of April with above average temperatures (2.5°C). Perfect grape ripening weather with balanced sugars, colours and natural acidity. These conditions resulted in a later harvest, some three to four weeks, than recent years, which was a return to ‘normal’. The delayed harvest allowed grapes to ripen more slowly and evenly with a gradual accumulation of sugars and flavours, which is what we look for when making high-quality Barossa wines. The yields were around 20-30% higher than the five-year average. Eden Valley Riesling is predicted to be a stand-out this year and another great year for Barossa Valley Shiraz which promises to deliver an array of styles from bright and aromatic wines from the earlier-picked vineyards through to concentrated, intense and well-structured wines.

*Paul Lindner, Chief Winemaker*

**COLOUR:** Medium depth crimson with purple hues.

**AROMA:** A rich sweet aroma of red and blue berries jumps out of the glass with hints of black olive, herbal and roasted notes adding some savoury characters.

**PALATE:** Ripe and juicy berries flow onto the palate which is medium-bodied, with soft and velvety tannins adding a lovely structure and texture to the wine. Sweet and briary spices balance the juicy fruits through to the finish.

**CELLARING:** 2018-2024



**VINTAGE**  
2017

**COUNTRY OF ORIGIN**  
Australia

**GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION**  
Barossa

**GRAPE COMPOSITION**  
54% Shiraz / 46% Cabernet Sauvignon

**OAK TREATMENT**  
Matured in seasoned American and French oak

**TIME IN OAK**  
6 months

**VINE AGE**  
10 – 20 year old vines

**SUB REGIONAL SOURCE**  
Dorrien, Light Pass and Eden Valley

**YIELD PER ACRE**  
2.5 to 3.5 tonnes per acre

**TRELLISING**  
Rod and spur and permanent cordon with two wire vertical trellis.

**SOIL TYPE**  
Red clay over limestone, sand and black Biscay clay.

**HARVEST DETAILS**  
17 March to 24 April

**TECHNICAL ANALYSIS**  
Alcohol: 14.5%  
pH: 3.5  
TA: 6.06 g/L  
Residual Sugar: 0.4 g/L (G&F)  
VA: 0.47 g/L

**FOOD MATCH**  
Roast beef fillet or lamb backstrap; mushroom dishes; aged cheddar.

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