

## BIRTHRIGHT SHIRAZ

#### STORY BEHIND THE WINE

At their heart, the world's greatest wine regions have intrinsic qualities which can neither be bought nor earned. They fashion wines reflective of their unique terroir, forged by the elemental forces of nature, unassailable and unforgettable. Such is the Birthright of the Barossa.

#### 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 wellstructured wines.

Paul Lindner, Chief Winemaker

**Colour:** Deep crimson with purple hues.

**Aroma:** A rich bouquet of red and blue fruits, herbs and cedar, entwine with hints of sage, chocolate and savoury notes.

**Palate:** Rich and juicy raspberry and Satsuma plum fill the mouth, with allspice sweetness adding to the mouthfeel. The fruit is well balanced with hints of briary spice and textural, fine-grained tannins on the lengthy finish.

**Cellaring:** 2019 – 2034



## VINTAGE

2017

## **COUNTRY OF ORIGIN**

Australia

# GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION

Barossa

## **GRAPE COMPOSITION**

100% Shiraz

#### OAK TREATMENT

40% new and 60% seasoned French oak hogsheads

#### TIME IN OAK

23 months

#### **VINE AGE**

Average age 85+ yrs

### SUB REGIONAL SOURCE

83% Barossa Valley and 17% Eden Valley

#### YIELD PER ACRE

1-2 tonnes per acre

## **TRELLISING**

Mostly single wire permanent arm and rod and spur

## **SOIL TYPE**

Barossa Valley - red clay over limestone and ironstone Eden Valley - decomposed granite and sandy loam

## HARVEST DETAILS

9 March – 5 May

#### TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 15% pH: 3.44 TA: 6.65g/L

Residual Sugar: 2.5g/L

VA: 0.58g/L

## FOOD MATCH

Medium rare T bone; Roast lamb or lamb backstrap; Roast duck.

True to the Region  $\cdot$  True to the Community  $\cdot$  True to Ourselves