



Bethany®

WINES of BAROSSA

THE SCHRAPEL FAMILY HAVE BEEN TILLING THE SOIL IN THEIR BAROSSA VINEYARDS FOR OVER 160 YEARS.

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CABERNET MERLOT

BAROSSA VALLEY / 2018

TASTING NOTES

Vibrant and clear purple hues, youthful and bright. A rich combination of aromas of dark red berries and black plums with a fine hint of an earthy pencil character adding depth and complexity. A palate of lovely bright fluid fruit characters sits seamlessly within a framework of fine-grained tannins. A lick of clove spice oak adds character and tannic grip to the mid palate and finish. The persistent tannins ensure a long and balanced finish with fruit ever present.

VINEYARD NOTES

The fruit for the Cabernet and Merlot is sourced from our own vineyards in Bethany and neighboring vineyards along the Barossa foothills. The fruit picked from our Bethany Vineyards is from old vines of up to 40 years old which are very low yielding and produce fruit of great intensity and flavour. Traditional viticulture practices are applied in these vineyards with vines hand pruned and often handpicked. The grapes from each individual vineyard are kept separate throughout the winemaking process until the final blending. The characteristics of the selected parcels of wine for the Cabernet Merlot blend display soft fine tannins and fresh red berry characters.

VINTAGE REPORT

Solid winter and spring rainfall followed by a warm and dry January and February led to a balanced vintage with good fruit intensity and structure. The moments of heat were short and dispersed and there was some cool weather and rain in March that slowed down the red harvest and allowed for a long and balanced extended ripening. Yields were lower than average with a resulting high quality in terms of colour, fruit and intensity.

WINEMAKING REPORT

This blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and a touch of Cabernet Franc is a classic Bordeaux combination so enjoyed by wine lovers all over the world. The fruit for this wine was predominantly sourced from estate grown vineyards in the village of Bethany, the heart of Bethany Wines. The resulting wine shows bright fruit characters combined with a fresh and persistent framework of fine-grained tannins. It demonstrates the finesses and elegance possible with grapes grown on the Eastern edge of the Barossa Ranges.

Each parcel was individually fermented with a high percentage of whole berry inclusion to maximise fruit expression. Fermentation lasted 7-10 days depending on the parcel and twice daily hand pump overs or irrigations ensured a gentle extraction of tannin, flavour and colour. At the end of maceration the wine was pressed to a combination of seasoned and new (10%) French oak to mature for 12 months.

REGION

Barossa Valley

BLEND

55% Cabernet Sauvignon
43% Merlot
2% Cabernet Franc

ACIDITY

6.8 g/L

ALCOHOL / VOLUME

14.0 %

RESIDUAL SUGAR

<1.0 g/L

CELLAR POTENTIAL

7 – 15 years

WINEMAKER

Alex MacClelland

The village of Bethany was the first settlement in the Barossa Valley in 1842. Predominately European immigrants arrived and began building houses and tilling the soil. The first vines on Bethany Estate were planted in 1852, beginning a passion and tradition that continues on today with the Schrapel family, six generations later.