



# Bethany®

WINES of BAROSSA

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

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### GRENACHE

BAROSSA / 2017

#### TASTING NOTES

A long, gentle growing season combined with the natural cooling aspect of the Eastern Ridge of the Barossa Valley allowed our highly treasured and gnarled 50 – 80 year old Grenache vines to produce fruit with wonderful levels of freshness and balance in 2017. Opening with bright red cherry and redcurrant fruit on the nose complemented by subtle hints of hibiscus flower and clean red earth this wine has both freshness and complexity. On the palate there are red berry and orchard fruits and subtle spice character that are tightly wrapped up in a swathe of powdery tannins which carry the wine through to a long and balanced finish.

#### VINEYARD NOTES

The Grenache fruit is sourced from low yielding old bush vines which are hand pruned to 50-60 buds per vine. These old vines are grown on their own roots rather than grafted rootstock, naturally limiting the canopy growth and allowing for better fruit exposure to sunlight. This exposure ensures even ripening of the grapes with enhanced fruit flavour esters and colour ripeness. The fruit is hand picked very late in the season at optimal ripeness.

#### VINTAGE REPORT

The 2017 vintage was an overall a balanced, cooler vintage in the Barossa with a long ripening period which led to reds developing exceptional colour and tannic framework along with a deep fruit profile and aromatic intensity.

#### WINEMAKING REPORT

Hand-picked into 2 to 4 tonne grape trailers, the fruit was crushed and destemmed immediately after the morning harvest. Fermentation on skins using a selected yeast type occurred for 8-9 days at 20-25 degrees to maximise colour and flavour extraction. Careful consideration was given to the aging of this wine, with a portion aged in seasoned oak, a portion in stainless steel and a small percentage in new French oak equivalent to 4% of the total blend.

#### REGION

Barossa Valley

#### BLEND

100% Grenache

#### ACIDITY

5.4 g/L

#### PH

3.44

#### ALCOHOL / VOLUME

14.7 %

#### RESIDUAL SUGAR

<1.0 g/L

#### WINEMAKER

Alex MacClelland

#### AWARDS

