



# Bethany®

WINES of BAROSSA

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



## GR Reserve

### SHIRAZ

BAROSSA VALLEY / 2016

#### TASTING NOTES

Dark purple with crimson edges. Complex nose of dark briary and blackberry fruit, baking spices, purple florals and mocha. Very dense and mouth coating, lovely intensity and persistence with med bodied weight held tight within a rich and velvety framework of tannins. Rich dark fruits and Christmas cake flavours are highlighted by subtle violets and a hint of clean brown earth. The palate is smooth, dynamic and persistent from front to back with a long black fruited finish.

#### VINEYARD NOTES

Sourced from the very finest parcels of Bethany Shiraz from the wonderful 2016 vintage, this wine has all the hallmarks of a great Barossa Valley Shiraz with a unique Bethany personality and character and does great credit to Geoff and Robert Schrapel. Matured in a blend of new French (42%) and seasoned French and American (58%) hogsheads, the nose displays complex layers of dark, briary fruit mingling with baking spices, violets and mocha. The palate is rich and long with dark black fruits highlighted by subtle violets and savoury notes. Classically elegant, fine tannins produce a long and balanced finish of great finesse.

#### VINTAGE REPORT

Shiraz is of course an exceptional variety for the Barossa Valley and 2016 provided wonderful conditions to allow the variety to shine. Dry conditions throughout the growing season kept vigour under control and the good warmth but lack of heatwaves allowed Shiraz to fully ripen under minimal stress.

#### WINEMAKING REPORT

The finest parcels of Shiraz from the excellent 2016 vintage were carefully monitored during maturation with the very best barrels being selected to make the GR blend. The majority of these barrels were selected from patches of fruit found on the rich dark soil located in the heart of the Bethany village.

#### REGION

Barossa Valley

#### BLEND

Shiraz

#### PH

3.55

#### ACIDITY

6.5 g/L

#### ALCOHOL / VOLUME

14.0 %

#### RESIDUAL SUGAR

<1.0 g/L

#### WINEMAKER

Alex MacClelland

#### AWARDS

GOLD - MUNDUS vini The Grand International Wine Award 2018

95points - Tyson Stelzer, Australia's Wine Business Magazine (WBM) 2018 Wines of the Year

95points - James Halliday Wine Companion 2019