# THE FIFTH WAVE GRENACHE

#### STORY BEHIND THE WINE

The Fifth Wave is Langmeil's most treasured Old Vine Garden Grenache and is dedicated to the fifth generation of the Lindner family. Planted in the middle of the last century, The Fifth Wave is our 'call to arms' to protect, preserve and celebrate the best of the Barossa.

Once a neglected Old Vine Garden in Lyndoch, The Fifth Wave vineyard was rejuvenated by Langmeil and in 1999 winemaker Paul Lindner saw the potential of the Grenache from this unique vineyard and with tenacity convinced the owners to produce a straight varietal, in all likelihood the first time Grenache from this time honoured Old Vine Garden had been truly prized.

All Langmeil's Old Vine Gardens are treated as national treasures and are all hand tended, from pruning to harvesting. We then employ traditional hands-on winemaking; gentle de-stemming, open fermentation and basket pressing into 100% seasoned French oak barrels, without fining or filtration, to capture the true essence of the variety and region.

True to the Region · True to the Community · True to Ourselves

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

## 2012 VINTAGE REPORT

Great winter rains in 2011 saw vines flourish leading into the season ahead. A reasonably mild summer with only a couple of heat spikes meant vintage kicked off to a normal start in the third week of February. Early ripening Shiraz parcels, early picked Riesling and Cabernet Sauvignon for Bella Rouge showed the true potential of the vintage. A timely rain at the end of February brought with it a very mild and dry autumn, with lovely cool nights and a more gentle pace for ripening which allowed vintage to run smoothly, ending mid-April with beautifully ripened Eden Valley Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and Mataro. Overall, quality excelled with all varieties, making classification difficult yet exemplary. Just the way I like it. I'm excited!

### Paul Lindner, Chief Winemaker

COLOUR: Medium depth crimson with pink hues.

AROMA: Dark cherry and raspberry fruits mingle with sweet spice, vanilla and hints of chocolate with a little menthol lift.

PALATE: Ripe, red berry and dark cherry flows onto the palate, melding into lovely sweet and briary spice. The finish lingers on a fruitful, chocolate and spicy note with typical chalky yet fine tannin.

**CELLARING: 2014 - 2026** 



VINTAGE 2012

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN Australia

GEOGRAPHIC INDICATOR Barossa Valley

GRAPE COMPOSITION 100% Grenache

OAK TREATMENT Matured in 83% old American oak, 17% old French oak.

TIME IN OAK 18 months

VINE AGE
Average vine age, 74 year old vines.

SUB REGIONAL SOURCE Southern Barossa Valley, south of Lyndoch, and Tanunda.

YIELD PER ACRE 1 – 2 Tonnes per Acre

TRELLISING "T" trellis and single wire permanent arm.

SOIL TYPE
Deep, coarse sand and red clay
over limestone

HARVEST DETAILS 14th - 17th of March

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 14.7% pH: 3.31 TA: 6.6 g/L

Residual Sugar: 0.52 g/L

VA: 0.52 g/L