

## 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 last century, The Fifth Wave is our 'call to arms' to preserve, promote and protect the best 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 well-structured wines.

*Paul Lindner, Chief Winemaker*

**Colour:** Light to medium depth crimson with purple hues.

**Aroma:** Dark cherry, raspberry and bramble spice mingle with hints of cedar wood and savoury tones add to the complexity.

**Palate:** Juicy red berries and dark cherries flow through the palate, melting into lovely and sweet briary spices. The finish lingers on a fruity and spicy note with typical chalky yet fine-grained tannins.

**Cellaring:** 2019 – 2028

### VINTAGE

2017

### COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Australia

### GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION

Barossa Valley

### GRAPE COMPOSITION

100% Grenache

### OAK TREATMENT

11% new French oak, 89% seasoned American oak.

### TIME IN OAK

Nineteen Months

### VINE AGE

Barossa old vines 35-69-years-old

### SUB REGIONAL SOURCE

Lyndoch

### YIELD PER ACRE

1.5 tonnes per acre

### TRELLISING

'T' trellis

### SOIL TYPE

Deep, coarse sand over red clay and ironstone

### HARVEST DETAILS

19<sup>th</sup> March

### TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 14.5%

pH: 3.38

TA: 5.9g/L

Residual Sugar: 2.3 g/L

VA: 0.44g/L

### FOOD MATCH

Slow cooked lamb shanks; crispy skin salmon; roast pork or duck; dark chocolate.

