



## BLACK BEAUTY MALBEC

### STORY BEHIND THE WINE

Malbec is a historic variety originally native to south-west France, whose centre of gravity moved to the southern hemisphere in the late twentieth century. It is renowned for its age worthy, deeply coloured rich and smooth wines. Here in the Barossa it makes a real Black Beauty of a wine.

### 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

### 2016 VINTAGE REPORT

We are certainly getting used to earlier and earlier sampling and this year, for the first time, our first load of Shiraz was nearly booked for the end of January. Fortunately, a timely rain and mild conditions delayed the start allowing flavour and colour to catch up with sugar. Considering the dry winter, yields generally were a little above average (with the exception of our Eden Valley vineyard which was 50% frosted on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December. Yes December!) due to a slightly warmer spring, great flowering and fruit set conditions. This combined with mild, late summer weather meant the grower and winemaker were happy with another solid vintage tucked away.

By early March, 70% of our harvest was in and with another nice drink from the heavens, vintage slowed right down building flavour in the late ripening varieties like grenache and mataro, as well as great results from our Eden Valley reds and whites. We finished harvest with our Eden Valley cabernet sauvignon on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April. This vintage really highlights how tenacious and robust grape vines are, producing good yields and great quality in a very dry season (but they can't sustain dry conditions forever). Fortunately, a more normal winter this year with much needed rain is refilling the soil and water resources. Bring it on!

*Paul Lindner, Chief Winemaker*

**Colour:** Medium depth crimson with purple hues.

**Aroma:** Rich and lifted blue fruits mingle with violets and herbal notes, with a little vanilla cream and briary spice.

**Palate:** Juicy blue fruits, herbals and brambly spice come together in this medium-bodied wine with fine, savoury tannins adding to the mouthfeel. A hint of liquorice rides with the savoury and spicy finish.

**Cellaring:** 2018 - 2024



**VINTAGE**  
2016

**COUNTRY OF ORIGIN**  
Australia

**GEOGRAPHIC INDICATOR**  
Barossa Valley

**GRAPE COMPOSITION**  
100% Malbec

**OAK TREATMENT**  
Eighteen months in old American oak

**VINE AGE**  
32 -35+ years

**YIELD PER ACRE**  
2.5 – 3 tonnes per acre

**TRELLISING**  
Single wire, spur pruned with catch wire

**SOIL TYPE**  
Deep sand over red and yellow clay

**HARVEST DETAILS**  
22<sup>nd</sup> of March and 8<sup>th</sup> of April

**TECHNICAL ANALYSIS**  
Alcohol: 13.5%  
pH: 3.35  
TA: 6.5g/L  
Residual Sugar: 2.45g/L  
VA: 0.54g/L

**FOOD MATCH**  
Lean steak; Cassoulet; Turkey; Roast Pork.

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