



## BLACKSMITH CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### STORY BEHIND THE WINE

In 1842 a 32 year old Blacksmith, Christian Auricht, arrived from Prussia with his wife and four children. He settled in the new hamlet of Langmeil and built a blacksmith shop in what became the village's trading area. His original shop remains a feature of the winery's heritage today.

### 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:** Deep crimson with purple hues.

**Aroma:** Lifted blueberries, black currants and black olive dominate the aroma, with lovely cedar and hints of licorice and sweet spice adding to the complexity.

**Palate:** Bright and rich berry fruits coat the palate and mingle with brambly spice, hints of black olive and licorice. Full bodied with velvety, fine, grape and oak tannin adding to the structure which flows onto the long, fruitful and spicy finish.

**Cellaring:** 2017 – 2027

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### VINTAGE

2016

### COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Australia

### GEOGRAPHIC INDICATOR

90% Barossa Valley/10% Eden Valley

### GRAPE COMPOSITION

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

### OAK TREATMENT

18% new and 82% old French Oak

### TIME IN OAK

22 months

### VINE AGE

15 – 35 year old vines

### SUB REGIONAL SOURCE

Multiple Barossa sub-regional blend

### YIELD PER ACRE

1.5 – 3 tonnes per acre

### TRELLISING

Most are single & double permanent arm

### SOIL TYPE

Ranges from biscay (black cracking clay) to red clay over limestone

### HARVEST DETAILS

17th February to 14th April

### TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 14.5%

pH: 3.44

TA: 7.03 g/L

Residual Sugar: 2.7 g/L

VA: 0.62 g/L

### FOOD MATCH

Mushroom risotto; Braised Beef ribs or beef cheeks; Duck; Blue cheese;

