



## HANGIN' SNAKES SHIRAZ VIOGNIER

### STORY BEHIND THE WINE

Speaking a local dialect known as 'Barossa Deutsch', a blend of German and English that embodies the history of the district, one of Langmeil's growers Wally Krieg didn't curse, just as his forbears didn't, but in the heat of the vintage was often heard to mutter "Hangin' Snakes!"

### 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:** A rich and lifted perfume of violets and blue fruits jump out of the glass with hints of peach, pepper and herbal notes adding to the complexity.

**PALATE** Ripe and juicy berries flow onto the medium-bodied palate with soft and velvety tannins adding a lovely structure and texture to the wine while sweet and briary spice balances the juicy fruit through to the finish.

**CELLARING:** 2018-2025



**VINTAGE**  
2016

**COUNTRY OF ORIGIN**  
Australia

**GEOGRAPHIC INDICATOR**  
Barossa Valley

**GRAPE COMPOSITION**  
96% Shiraz / 4% Viognier

**OAK TREATMENT**  
Matured in old American and French oak

**TIME IN OAK**  
Fifteen months

**VINE AGE**  
10 – 20 year old vines

**SUB REGIONAL SOURCE**  
Penrice foothills, Lights Pass, Greenock and Lyndoch

**YIELD PER ACRE**  
3-3.5 tonnes per acre

**TRELLISING**  
Rod & spur or double trellis / permanent arm & foliage wires

**SOIL TYPE**  
Mostly deep red clay over limestone

**HARVEST DETAILS**  
3<sup>rd</sup> March – 7<sup>th</sup> March

**TECHNICAL ANALYSIS**  
Alcohol: 14.5%  
pH: 3.5  
TA: 5.94 g/L  
Residual Sugar: 3 g/L  
VA: 0.47 g/L

**WINE MATCH**  
Barbequed meat; roast pork or lamb; pizza.

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