



## THE FIFTH WAVE GRENACHE

### STORY BEHIND THE WINE

The Fifth Wave is Langmeil’s most treasured Old Vine Garden Grenache, 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.

### 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 getting used to sampling earlier each year, and in 2016, for the first time, a parcel of Shiraz was nearly booked in for the end of January. Fortunately, timely rain and mild conditions delayed the start of vintage, allowing flavour and colour to catch up with sugar levels. With the dry winter and a slightly warmer spring, favourable flowering and fruit set, yields were generally little above average (except our Eden Valley vineyard which was hit by frost on 1 December, yes, December!). Followed by mild, late summer weather, both growers and winemakers were happy to see another solid vintage tucked away.

By early March 70% of our harvest was complete and with another sprinkling of rain, vintage slowed, building flavour in the late-ripening varieties like Grenache and Mataro, as well as excellent results from our Eden Valley reds and whites. We finished harvest with our Eden Valley Cabernet Sauvignon on 15 April. This vintage highlights how tenacious and robust grape vines are, producing good yields and high quality in a dry season (but they cannot 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:** Light to medium depth crimson.

**Aroma:** Dark cherry, raspberry fruits and a eucalypt lift combine with sweet spices and hints of vanilla, adding to the complexity.

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

**Cellaring:** 2018–2028



**VINTAGE**  
2016

**COUNTRY OF ORIGIN**  
Australia

**GEOGRAPHIC INDICATOR**  
Barossa Valley

**GRAPE COMPOSITION**  
100% Grenache

**OAK TREATMENT**  
Matured in seasoned French oak

**TIME IN OAK**  
19 months

**VINE AGE**  
Average age greater than 70 years old.

**SUB REGIONAL SOURCE**  
Lyndoch and Light Pass

**YIELD PER ACRE**  
1.5 tonnes per acre

**TRELLISING**  
‘T’ trellis and single wire permanent arm

**SOIL TYPE**  
Deep, coarse sand over red clay and ironstone.

**HARVEST DETAILS**  
25 February to 7 March

**TECHNICAL ANALYSIS**  
Alcohol: 15%  
pH: 3.27  
TA: 6.73g/L  
Residual Sugar: 2.6g/L  
VA: 0.68g/L

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

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