



## ROUGH DIAMOND GRENACHE

### STORY BEHIND THE WINE

Grenache has long been held in high esteem by Barossa winemakers. Despite being overlooked elsewhere due to a workhorse history, it has hidden depths and excellent potential. Like a Rough Diamond, ordinary at first glance, its real beauty as a jewel is only revealed through cutting and polishing.

### 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

### 2019 VINTAGE REPORT

2019 was the smallest harvest since 2000 and was indeed a vintage of highs and lows. Fortunately, the quality was exceptional with intense colours, flavours and tannins in the reds; however, yields were meagre due to several climate-related reasons.

A drier than average winter and spring limited vine growth from the outset, and in a dry year, there is a higher risk of frost. The Barossa and Eden Valleys were hit by frost on 29 September which burnt young shoots, resulting in an even smaller, second-growth crop. The Eden Valley was frosted again on 8 November which disrupted flowering. As if that wasn't enough, hail fell on some vineyards on 22 November.

What little fruit there was ripened quickly in the hot, dry conditions of January and February, with a mad rush to pick before sugar levels became excessive. On the plus side, the lack of rainfall meant there was no disease pressure this season.

For the first time in 20 years, we took Easter off with the final press load on Good Friday. The kids loved having their Dad home to share his Easter eggs!

Overall, I am thrilled with the 2019 wines. The reds will be bold, dark, rich and long-lived. Sadly, they will be in very short supply.

*Paul Lindner, Chief Winemaker*

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

**Aroma:** Lifted black cherry, raspberry and rose blossom fills the nostrils with hints of sweet spice and white pepper.

**Palate:** Sweet, juicy fruit flows over the palate which is light to medium bodied. The red berries are balanced nicely with brambly and peppered spice and soft yet drying tannins which continue through the long and fruitful finish.

**Cellaring:** 2019 - 2026



### VINTAGE

2019

### COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Australia

### GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION

Barossa Valley

### GRAPE COMPOSITION

91% Grenache, 7% Counoise, 2% Carignan.

### OAK TREATMENT

Old American oak

### TIME IN OAK

Six months

### VINE AGE

47 to 100+ year old vines

### YIELD PER ACRE

2 tonnes per acre

### SUB REGIONAL SOURCE

Bethany, Lyndoch and Vine Vale

### TRELLISING

Permanent arm single wire and 'T' Trellising

### SOIL TYPE

Deep sand over red clay and iron stone / black Biscay clay.

### HARVEST DATE

14 March to 10 April

### TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 14.5%

pH: 3.42

TA: 5.4g/L

Residual Sugar: 2.3g/L

VA: 0.44g/L

### FOOD MATCH

Slow cooked lamb shanks; mushroom pie; pan fried veal chops; roast duck with plum sauce.

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