Bethany® WINES of BAROSSA

THE SCHRAPEL FAMILY HAVE BEEN TILLING THE SOIL IN THEIR BAROSSA VINEYARDS FOR OVER 160 YEARS.

GR SHIRAZ * BAROSSA VALLEY

RESERVE / 2018

TASTING NOTES
Dense dark, glass coating purple red. Classic and beguiling nose of vibrant dark fruits balanced with hints of clove, cacao, rich red earth and Speculaas biscuits. The palate shows extreme compact fruit and tannin, tightly coiled and slow to release its flavours. With time the wine opens up to reveal dark cherries, mulberries and blackberries mingled with brighter red fruit hints and sweeter lime and dark chocolate ganache. The tannins are ample and fine grained giving a wine of great length and balance and no little beauty.

VINEYARD NOTES
Sourced from our finest parcels of Bethany Shiraz in the classic 2018 vintage, this wine has all the hallmarks of a great Barossa Valley Shiraz with a unique Bethany personality and character and does great credit to Geoff and Robert Schrapel. Matured in a blend of 65% new French and American oak, the nose displays complex layers of dark fruits mingling with dark chocolate and citrus. The palate is rich, compact and long with dark fruits complemented by dark chocolate and earthy complexity. Lush and elegant the velvety tannins produce a finish of great finesse and a promise of more to enjoy with careful cellaring.

VINTAGE REPORT
Solid winter and spring rainfall followed by a warm and dry January and February led to a balanced vintage with good fruit intensity and structure. The moments of heat were short and dispersed and there was some cool weather and rain in March that slowed down the red harvest and allowed for a long and balanced extended ripening. Yields were lower than average with a resulting high quality in terms of colour, fruit and intensity.

WINEMAKING REPORT
Picked in the early morning, the fruit for this wine was crushed to fermenter with a proportion of whole berries to maximise fruit expression. After a gentle fermentation on skins for 8-10 days with twice daily pump overs the wine was pressed to combination of new and seasoned French and American oak. The mid pressings of the wine were kept separate to be blended back after maturation. Maturation in barrel was for 18 months. Blend was selected from the finest parcels of Shiraz and then only the very best barrels within those parcels.

REGION
Barossa Valley 100%

BLEND
100% Shiraz

ACIDITY
6.5 g/L

ALCOHOL / VOLUME
14.0 %

RESIDUAL SUGAR
<1.0 g/L

WINEMAKER
Alex MacClelland

AWARDS
Gold - Mundas Vini
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95 Points
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