

# B BAROSSA Y

## Lifeblood

### Shiraz

He's the sixth generation of a Barossa winemaking family, but Trent Burge's destiny was not written in stone. Cellarhand work was initially just a handy job opportunity for an energetic young 18 year old. But hands-on, from the ground up, winemaking worked its way under his skin. Trent developed a deep respect for the land, the fruit, the growers and winemakers.

The final pieces came together around family meals, when his father would dust off bottles of luscious aged shiraz from his personal cellar. The rich rewards of hard labour awakened our boy's Barossa-born heart.

Lifeblood Shiraz is Trent Burge's heartfelt tribute to the signature variety of his home soil. Crafted only from vintages of exceptional promise, this is a love letter to region, variety and home.

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#### Vintage

2017

#### Variety

100% Shiraz

#### Alcohol

14.5%

#### Vintage Summary

The 2017 growing season recorded one of the highest rainfalls during the growing season on record which, combined with cooler weather resulted in slow and healthy vine growth. Average weather through veraison with two timely rainfalls kept vines and fruit healthy and meant a later start to vintage as well as higher than average yields.

An Indian Summer followed through to April which was perfect for development of natural flavour and acidity. Vintage has been characterised as fine and elegant with full bodied wines.

#### Maturation

Matured for 22 months in a combination of 70% French oak and 30% American oak. 30% new oak, 30% one-year-old and 40% two-to-five-year-old oak provides a robust yet silky tannin structure.

#### Tasting Notes

Very intense inky red in colour. Aromas are complex and brooding, dark cocoa powder and blackberry jus integrated with smoky French oak and woody spice. The palate is rich and robust, an intense mid palate fruit sweetness couples with firm grape tannins to add substance and structure to the palate. The tannins from French oak maturation contribute to the length of the wine on the finish. A classic, bold, dry grown Barossa Valley Shiraz, made for savouring and cellaring. Pair with blue cheese, Christmas turkey, truffled pizza, fresh oysters, salad of bitter greens. Drink 2020 through to 2040.

