



*Elysian Springs*

### 2018 'Spring Lamb' Syrah

Named in honour of the Dorper and Wiltipoll sheep and their offspring that we have kept our weeds at bay during the winter months.

#### Style:

Our position produces elegant, varietal Syrah with red/ black fruits and a more refined mid-palate texture, which reflects the low yields and early morning harvesting which occur during the small window of perfect ripeness.

#### Vintage:

Spring rainfall was below average which minimised disease or other issues and provided ideal conditions for the flowering period. Dry conditions through early summer helped reduce vine vigour which resulted in balanced canopies. From veraison through to harvest the weather was ideal with minimal rainfall, and cool nights which resulted in exceptional fruit flavour and concentration along with acid retention. The selected parcels of fruit were harvested during the coolest part of the day and delivered to the winery immediately to preserve the fruit flavour.

#### Source:

The blend comes from our own estate vineyard on Eden Valley Road, in Mt Pleasant, located at the northern-most end of the Adelaide Hills. R6WV28 and BVOVS10 clones are grown to be perfectly ripe, healthy grapes, low yields, and hand-harvested at precisely the right time to best represent a "sense of place."

#### Vinification:

- Whole bunches, hand-selected and picked in the cool of the early morning
- Destemmed without crushing the fruit. 30% of this was whole cluster fermented
- Remaining fruit was crushed and went through traditional open fermentation with 30 day extended skin contact.
- These were racked into 50% new and seasoned French oak hogsheads.
- Bottled directly thereafter without fining and with minimal filtration to capture the purity of taste and texture of our Syrah/Shiraz.

#### Tasting Notes:

Deep red-purple in colour showing dark plum, sarsaparilla root and brambly fruit with hints of wet loam on the nose and palate, lifted by a touch of fresh sage. An elegant full-bodied wine with cured treats, flowing raspberry and Dutch liquorice flavours, and a hint of minerality. Breathtaking poise that finishes rich with lingering, fine tannins.

#### Vital Statistics:

Varietal Blend: Syrah 100%, R6WV28 and BVOVS10 clones.

GI: Adelaide Hills

Alcohol by Volume: 13.5%

TA: 6.98 g/L

pH: 3.46

RS: 1.8 g/L

750ml: 9334505000144



'Our "organic lawnmowers" hard at work during the winter'

