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## BAROSSA VALLEY

### 2005 The Pict

*Dave Powell has always pronounced a strong influence from French wine styles and varieties in his approach to wine making, and The Pict fervently displays these influences.*

*The wild, rugged and earthen aromas typically associated with the Bandol region of France provide the basis for this powerful single vineyard Mataro.*

*Fresh soil, tree bark, cassis and leather dominate the nose with hints of spice, chocolate and drying meats evolving with time in the glass.*

*The expansive palate is rich and dense with a rustic core of earth, tar and black olive all tightly framed by the wines mineral strewn tannins.*

*Although beautifully balanced in its youth, The Pict has the constitution and structure to continually evolve for many years to come.*

*The Picts, a tribe of fierce warriors, were the first people to inhabit Scotland. This wine is made from Mataro, and being one of the founding varieties planted in the Barossa, has been named in their honour.*

*It is sourced solely from a single plot of ancient vines near the hamlet of Greenock. A truly rich, wild and untamed wine, enough to satiate a Pictish warrior.*

*David Powell*

VARIETAL: 100% Mataro

REGIONS: Northern Greenock - Materne 'Quarry Block' Vineyard planted 1927

HARVEST: 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2005

pH: 3.68

ACID: 6.78

ALCOHOL: 14.6% Alc/Vol

ÉLAVAGE:

After hand harvesting in late April this small batch was destemmed into a single cement vat where it spent 7 days before being 'gravity-drained' and basket pressed. The juice was then racked into new French barriques where it completed a slow malo-lactic fermentation and was aged for two years. The best barrels were later assembled and the wine was bottled without filtration or fining in June 2007.