

# THE GASK 2015



T O R B R E C K

BAROSSA VALLEY



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THE GASK IS SOURCED FROM A SINGLE PLOT OF SHIRAZ NESTLED INTO THE EASTERN SLOPE OF MOUNT MCKENZIE IN EDEN VALLEY, THAT IS PAINSTAKINGLY NURTURED BY THE KNIGHT FAMILY

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Planted in 1960 this elevated site yields small, intense berries that possess great intensity of flavour without sacrificing balance and poise. Heroic in style, it still retains the cooler edge and tighter structure that make the great wines from Eden Valley famous.

The name Gask references to the stone burial grounds on the hills above the Torbreck forest - rocky outcrops that are scattered throughout Scotland - eerily similar to the landscape surrounding Greg and Cynthia Knight's small plot of Shiraz in the Eden Valley.

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<b>VARIETY:</b>	100% Shiraz
<b>VINEYARD:</b>	Knight family vineyard planted in 1960 at Mount McKenzie
<b>SUB-REGION:</b>	Eden Valley
<b>HARVEST:</b>	4 April 2015
<b>MATURATION:</b>	18 months in well-seasoned French oak barriques, completing a slow malolactic fermentation in barrel
<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	Alc/Vol 15% pH 3.61 Acidity 6.05g/L
<b>COLOUR:</b>	Ink-like hue
<b>AROMA:</b>	Blueberry, wild earthy mushroom notes, cedar and graphite
<b>PALATE:</b>	Firm tannins, long mouthfeel, plush textural midpalate and balanced acidity
<b>CELLAR:</b>	5 to 10 years

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## VINTAGE

Above average rains in 2014 filled the soil profile. This was followed by a helpful deluge for dry grown vineyards in January 2015. Generally dry for the remainder of vintage, warm days and cool nights created the perfect ripening conditions.

## TASTING

Soft and elegant this wine possesses aromas of plum and eucalypt, whilst concentrated fruit gives the wine an ink-like hue. The generous palate displays notes of freshly crushed blackberry and graphite, giving way to a tightly wound tannin profile. Aged in seasoned French oak barriques this is a wine to appreciate now but will also benefit from 5 to 10 years in the cellar.