

THE FACTOR 2016



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BAROSSA VALLEY



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THE FACTOR PAYS HOMAGE TO THE BAROSSA'S UNIQUE POINT OF DIFFERENCE – GREAT OLD SHIRAZ VINEYARDS AND THE GROWERS WHO PAINSTAKINGLY TEND AND NURTURE THEM EACH YEAR

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The manager on a highland estate is referred to as The Factor. Many of these vineyards were planted in the 19th century and because of South Australia's far-sighted quarantine policy, were not affected by the phylloxera outbreak that ravaged the vineyards of the world in the 1880s. They survive on their own roots more than a century later as clonal time capsules. The reputation of the Barossa as the pre-eminent red wine growing region of Australia rests firmly on wines such as this.

VARIETY:	100% Shiraz
VINEYARDS:	3 vineyards, assemblage
SUB-REGIONS:	Gomersal, Krondorf, Marananga
HARVEST:	25 February to 29 March 2016
MATURATION:	24 months in a combination of new (40%), second fill and seasoned French oak barriques
ANALYSIS:	Alc/Vol 15% pH 3.71 Acidity 6.14g/L
COLOUR:	Deep Garnet, hues of purple
AROMA:	Satsuma plum and wild blackberries, olive, cocoa, liquorice and mocha
PALATE:	full bodied, round and plush mid-palate with fruity tannins and firm finish
CELLAR:	15 to 20 years

VINTAGE

Despite a dry winter during 2015, rains in January and March 2016, freshened the older vines and provided long, slow ripening periods in between, which led to a stand-out vintage with high quality fruit.

TASTING

The Factor is predominantly from the Gomersal and Marananga sub-regions of the Barossa, providing dense texture and richness to the palate with subtle notes of olive tapenade, saddle leather and minerals. Ripe aromas of plum and wild blackberries, olive, pepper and spice are all supported by a dark core of espresso roast, ripe blackberries and saltbush. Brooding and densely packed, this lavish wine has ample generosity to cellar for many years, where it will slowly unravel its beguiling riches.