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BAROSSA VALLEY

2016 CHRISTIAN



A warm lead up to vintage with very little rainfall saw the Chenin Blanc picked a little earlier than usual, fresh vibrant and zippy example with lower alcohol than previous vintages.

Hints of orange blossom, lemon zest and oyster shell on the nose, lovely palate weight and texture leads to a clean dry finish. Minerals and lemon curd dominate the palate.

BLEND: 100% CHENIN BLANC

MATURATION: 5 MONTHS NEW & OLD FRENCH OAK

ALCOHOL: 11.7%

YIELD: 2.0 - 3.0 T/ACRE



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2016 POCO LOCO



The Mataro is Saignee (cold soaked on skins for 24 hours) and the rest is from grapes treated as for making white wine. Grenache and Cinsault are crushed directly into the basket press with the white grape Ugni Blanc (White Hermitage/Trebbiano) mixed in. It's fermented, and then aged on lees in stainless steel tanks for 5 months prior to bottling.

Brighter Pink and Apricot tones are on display with the 2016 Rose, A slightly sweeter example this year is measured by bright acidity keeping the wine focused. Peach, strawberries and cream, with hints of spice. This a great thirst quencher for summer.

BLEND: 35% GRENACHE, 35% CINSAULT,
17% MATARO and 13% UGNI BLANC

ALCOHOL: 12.5%

YIELD: 2.0 - 3.0 T/ACRE



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B A R O S S A V A L L E Y

2014 DRIFTSAND



2014 was a really good vintage for us in Vine Vale. Crops were well below average which resulted in concentrated fruit with great balance thanks to an extended ripening period.

Because of the low yielding nature of the 2014, the Grenache and Shiraz was more concentrated than previous vintages. The result is a bold harmonious blend that is unashamedly fruit driven.

An explosion of kirsch liquor and spice on the nose leads into a plush, long and supple palate that delivers loads of fruit with a nice hint of seasoned oak in the background.

BLEND: 45% GRENACHE / 45% SHIRAZ / 10% MATARO

MATURATION: 18 MONTHS OLD FRENCH OAK

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

YIELD: 2.0 - 3.0 T/ACRE



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B A R O S S A V A L L E Y

2015 RIPPER CREEK



The Shiraz (80%) for this year's Ripper Creek ripened quite early in a dry, warm and mild vintage. Yields were below average and the result is a fruit forward, juicy little number that over-delivers as usual.

With a touch of barbeque herb rub from the Cabernet (20%) and layers of dark fruits and liquorice on the nose, this years' Ripper has vibrant dense fruit on the palate, hints of cocoa and vanilla and gentle tannins which provide a lush finish.

Drink now or cellar comfortably for 8-12 years.

BLEND: 80% SHIRAZ / 20% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

MATURATION: 18 MONTHS OLD FRENCH & AMERICAN OAK

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

YIELD: 3.0 T/ACRE



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B A R O S S A V A L L E Y

2015 GOOD SHEPHERD



The Malbec came in a bit riper (14.5%) than previous seasons so I decided to hang it out there in all its glory.

It's the best crop of Malbec I've seen from these vines so we've bottled this 100% Malbec, that's like a slice of blueberry pie with cardamom pods and spice on the nose.

It displays a rich, ripe palate awash with blueberries and red currants which leads to a fine finish with some silky tannin grip.

100% MALBEC

MATURATION: 18 MONTHS OLD FRENCH AND AMERICAN OAK

ALCOHOL: 14.0%

YIELD: 3.0 T/ACRE

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2015 CHRISTINE'S VINEYARD



The Grenache block carried a low crop in 2015 which was a real blessing come the end of April when the beautiful weather we had all vintage took a turn for the worst early and forced my hand into getting the grapes into the vintage shed. It proved to be a good move, because winter started early and stuck around.

Classic Grenache: all red currants, cloves, cinnamon and five spice with similar density and composition to the 2014. It offers up cedar, wild cherry, kirsch liquor and lifted spices which dominate the palate. A terrific little Grenache that's light on its feet and long in its finish.

BLEND: 100% GRENACHE

MATURATION: 18 MONTHS OLD FRENCH OAK

ALCOHOL: 14.9%

YIELD: 2.0 T/ACRE



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B A R O S S A V A L L E Y

2012 FULL CIRCLE



In the same mould as the 2010, this years' Mataro really offers up some profound complexity.

Bursting with primary fruit, five spice, mace, tar and leather, it's a large scale, intriguing wine to be enjoyed with rich gamey meat dishes.

BLEND: 100% MATARO

MATURATION: 18 MONTHS OLD FRENCH
AND AMERICAN OAK

ALCOHOL: 14.8%

YIELD: 3.0 T/ACRE

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2015 CHOOKSHED



A sensory overload of aniseed, dried fruits, black currant, cedar, ash and raisin, followed by a tsunami of layered fruit and spice with incredible richness and density. For any Zin lover, this is one for the ages.

Earlier this year a well known wine writer said that this wine epitomised Rusden with its Muhammed Ali “float like a butterfly, sting like a bee” style. I think he hit the nail on the head in describing our “house style.” Wines full of power and precision that dance so gracefully across the canvas at the same time.

2015 gave us another warm, dry growing season with little rain providing ideal conditions for the mighty Zin.

BLEND: 100% ZINFANDEL

MATURATION: 18 MONTHS NEW AMERICAN &
OLD FRENCH BARRIQUES

ALCOHOL: 15.4%

YIELD: 2.0 T/ACRE

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B A R O S S A V A L L E Y

2014 BOUNDARIES



Low yields have led to a deeply concentrated Cabernet with a lifted nose of dense cassis, earth and herbal notes. The weight follows through on the palate with gobs of fruit, tobacco, cedar, fine dusty tannins and great length.

There's a touch more varietal character than 2013 thanks to the cooler conditions at the end of vintage but it's still got plenty of weight behind it thanks to the small crop which provided concentrated fruit.

An absolute classic!

BLEND: 100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

MATURATION: 30 MONTHS NEW AMERICAN &
OLD FRENCH BARRIQUES

ALCOHOL: 13.9%

YIELD: 2.5 T/ACRE

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2014 BLACK GUTS



I thought 2014 was an exceptional vintage for Shiraz, with low yields and a perfect growing season. The two blocks on our vineyard that produce the fruit for the Black Guts have both been through gradual rejuvenation over a period of 20 or more years. Nurturing an 80 year old and 50 year old vineyard back to consistent quality production has been a real joy (and a lot of hard work). When I look at the last few vintages and see the consistency and concentration in the wines, I think that everyone involved in the vineyard, in our garden, should be very proud.

It's a beautifully balanced Shiraz that drinks so well off the bat.

Hallmark Vine Vale Shiraz with violet, cloves and mocha.

BLEND: 100% SHIRAZ

MATURATION: 30 MONTHS NEW FRENCH & OLD
FRENCH AND AMERICAN BARRIQUES

ALCOHOL: 14.9%

YIELD: 1.0 - 1.5 T/ACRE



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2007 SANDSCRUB



Eight years in the making, Sandscrub represents old vine, traditionally nurtured Shiraz grown on the sandy soil of Vine Vale.

Hand Picked, Hand pruned old vines.
Open fermented, basket pressed and matured in new French oak.

Four years in barrel.

Four years in bottle.

Eight years in the making.

Big, brooding monster of a Shiraz with perfectly integrated fruit, oak, tannin and acid.

BLEND: 100% SHIRAZ

MATURATION: 4 YEARS IN 100% NEW FRENCH OAK
4 YEARS IN BOTTLE BEFORE RELEASE

ALCOHOL: 15.4%

YIELD: 0.5 - 1.0 T/ACRE

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