

STAGE DOOR



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Stage Door Wine Co. has been the result of a long work-in-progress. A privately owned South Australian wine business, founded in 2013 by Graeme Thredgold, whose long history in both music and the brewing/wine industry inspired this range. SDWCo. takes the passion and flair of the music and wine industries, and combines them to produce a range of premium wines with individual expression of place and time!

2016 FRONT & CENTRE SHIRAZ

REGION Eden Valley, Barossa | **ALCOHOL** 14.7% | **pH** 3.6 | **HARVESTED** 11 May 2017

BOTTLED 10 November 2017 | **TOTAL PRODUCTION** 18,033 bottles

FRUIT SOURCE Two single vineyard sites. 58% Barossa Valley single vineyard and 42% from the Avon Brae vineyard in the Eden Valley.

In a word, the 2016 growing season was dry! Rainfall was well below average through winter and spring and like 2015 there were many late season frosts - indeed at Avon Brae we had our latest frost in living memory on 12 December 2015. Again, like the two previous vintages, the region was devastated by a catastrophic bushfire - this time the Pinery fire burned 86,000 hectares of farming land adjacent to the Barossa from 25 November to 2 December and again the Eden Valley thankfully escaped unscathed which allowed us to lend a hand to our relatives at Freeling.

December and early January were warm, but rains at the end of January and early March were god sent and along with milder weather we eventually realised ideal ripening conditions leading up to vintage.

Harvest started early with some of the Riesling on 26 February and this year the Grüner Veltliner was late, coinciding with the last of the reds coming off in early April. The yields were above average for the whites and below average for the reds, but high quality across all varieties. It seems that the Eden Valley is able to handle almost anything that nature throws it way, and still come out on top!

Step aside, the 2016 Front and Centre Shiraz has entered the building! Deep crimson-red of course with cherry liqueur chocolate on the nose. Chewy dark fruits linger on the palate followed by fine tannins. Not accustomed to waiting - so drink now.



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