

THORN-CLARKE
— BAROSSA WINEMAKERS —

SHOTFIRE SHIRAZ

When the Clarke forbears discovered gold in 1870 at the Lady Alice mine in the Barossa goldfields, so began a family dynasty intrigued by geology. A fine legacy that is reflected today in the terroir of our vineyards. The Shotfire range immortalises the Shotfirer's hazardous job of setting and lighting the charges in the mines.



VINTAGE	2014	REGION	Barossa
HARVESTED	February 2014	BOTTLED	November 2015
ALCOHOL	14.5 % v/v	VINEYARD	St Kitts, Milton Park, Kabininge

WINEMAKERS NOTE

Dark inky red with vibrant red hues at bottling. The aromas are of red and dark berries, smoky toasty oak, liquorice, ground brown spices of nutmeg and cinnamon with a touch of vanillin. This wine is full bodied with abundant fine taut tannin that gives the palate a savoury drying sensation like dark chocolate balancing the sweet berry flavours in the mid palate. Excellent persistence and presence on the aftertaste. The wine will reward those who cellar correctly and have patience.

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Spring rainfall was well below average with several days reaching 30°C. The growing season had even temperatures and little rainfall. Ripening was slow and steady leading to the development of good tannin structure and fruit characters

WINEMAKING

The grapes were de-stemmed into fermenters. Ferments were pumped over twice daily to maximise colour, tannin and flavour extraction. Cooling is used to ensure ferments remain in the 22-25 degree celcius range which allows maximum fruit expression in the wine. Pressing occurs approximately seven days after fermentation commences and the wine is then filled to American oak to mature (14 months in 40% new American hogsheads with the balance going into 2nd and 3rd fill barrels).