

THORN-CLARKE

— BAROSSA WINEMAKERS —

BAROSSA TRAIL GRENACHE



VINTAGE	2016	REGION	Barossa Valley
HARVESTED	March 2016	VINEYARD	Saleyards Rd
ALCOHOL	14.5%		

WINEMAKERS NOTE

Bright red colour. Savoury spice lift with red berries and black peppercorn. A medium bodied style with hints of oak. Plum, spice and ripe fruit flavours on the palate with refined tannin, balanced acidity and savoury characters and complexity aided by the whole bunch ferment.

VINTAGE

A warm dry spring led to into similarly dry conditions in December and January. The warm weather brought harvest on in the first week of February. A couple of good rain events led to milder conditions and a long even ripening period and excellent flavour development. The wine from 2016 show typical Barossa warmth and generosity and should age well.

WINEMAKING

These 80 year old vines are handpicked, with approx. 25% percent of the fruit being tipped straight into the bottom of one of our small open top fermenters, with the rest of the fruit being crushed on top of the whole-bunch fruit. This is done to achieve a carbonic maceration character in the wine, which lifts the aromas and adds a savouriness to the fruit profile. The ferment is then pumped over twice daily for the course of 7 days for gentle extraction, before being pressed off and transferred to old French oak barrels for approx. 10 months before being racked out of barrels before bottling.

