

THORN-CLARKE

— BAROSSA WINEMAKERS —

BAROSSA SHOTFIRE QUARTAGE

2015



THE BRAND

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.

WINEMAKERS NOTE

Deep red with brick hues. Lifted berry, cinnamon, nutmeg and dried oregano aromas. The palate doesn't disappoint with a multitude of flavours melding together to form the wines flavour, starting with red berries and anise. On release the tannins for the fruit and oak are firm and long, the generosity of fruit is balanced by an elegance provided by natural acidity. The wine is full bodied and complete.

VINTAGE

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 fruit was harvested at night. Fermentation was carried out in a variety of small capacity fermenters. After pressing the parcels were filled to French oak (12 months) for maturation. The wine was raked after six months and the parcels were blended to form the final wine.

36% CAB SAUV, 28% CAB FRANC, 20% PETIT VERDOT, 16% MERLOT

ALCOHOL - 14.5% **WINEMAKER** - PETER KELLY

VINEYARDS - ST KITTS, MILTON PARK, KABININGE