

THORN-CLARKE

— BAROSSA WINEMAKERS —

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SANDPIPER

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2016



THE BRAND

The Sandpiper range is named after the migratory bird which visits the Thorn-Clarke vineyards annually from the northern hemisphere - something of a reminder of the tenacity and commitment which is required for long term viticulture.

WINEMAKERS NOTE

Bright red with a purple hue on release. Lifted blackcurrant balances the fresh herb characters on the nose. A hint of eucalyptus is evident. The palate has bright currant characters throughout. Spice and chocolate add to the complexity of the wine. The tannins are ripe and grainy and give the wine good structure.

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

Harvest was carried out at night. Once destemmed the fruit was pumped over 2 or 3 times daily depending on colour, tannin and flavour extraction. The must was pressed after 6-8 days, malolactic fermentation was carried out in tank prior to French oak maturation for 10 to 12 months depending on the parcel. Post blending minimal fining and filtration were used.

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

VINEYARDS - ST KITTS, MILTON PARK, KABININGE
