

THORN-CLARKE

— BAROSSA WINEMAKERS —

EDEN VALLEY EDEN TRAIL CHARDONNAY

2017

THE BRAND

The Eden Trail is inspired by our Eden Valley vineyards are capable of producing fragrant, delicate mouth watering whites and spicy, bright and refreshingly clean reds. These wines are a fantastic addition to any occasion.

WINEMAKERS NOTE

The final wine reflects the personality of the vineyard overlaid with complex secondary characters. The nose shows fresh cut citrus and stone fruit with smokiness and a flinty minerality. The palate is refined with a long fine acid line and creamy texture which compliments the grapefruit and white peach flavours. The oak supports the fruit and gives a beautiful depth to the palate. The wine finishes with a long with a drive and precision.

VINTAGE

An above average wet spring and cooler than average summer temperatures led to a later start to picking than normal. This combined with a long and mild ripening period meant that our fruit developed to a beautiful level of maturity on the vine. This has led to outstanding flavours and elegant, expressive wines.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was machine picked in the cool of the night and destemmed but not crushed before going to our press. Only free run juice was used and this was vinified using several methods. A portion was gravity filled into a mixture of new and old French oak hogheads with full solids, then fermented with wild yeast to create complex and interesting characters. Another portion was fermented in tank with partial solids and using a yeast isolated from some of Europe's best Chardonnay wines, this portion added creamy textural elements.. The last portion was fully clarified and fermented in tank with a very neutral yeast that allowed the fruit to fully express itself. After primary fermentation each portion underwent partial malolactic fermentation before being blended together and put into oak with lees, stirred every month for 9 months until clarification. The wine was bottled with minimal fining and filtration.

ALCOHOL - 11.5% WINEMAKER - PETER KELLY

VINEYARDS - BLOCK 1, MOUNT CRAWFORD

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