



*Currency Creek Estate is one of the jewels of the Fleurieu Peninsula, near Adelaide in South Australia. Close to Lake Alexandrina and the Southern Ocean, the region enjoys a mild maritime climate, perfect for producing wines of delicate fruit driven complexity. "Ostrich Hill" recognises the birds which were once farmed on the hillsides opposite the very first Shiraz vines planted in this region. Now almost 45 years old, these magnificent vines consistently produce fruit with elegant, lifted varietal character.*

#### **TASTING NOTE**

This particular wine delivers generous rounded plum and blackberry characters, has fine tannin structure and finishes with a hint of toasted American Oak from 15 months in the barrel. It's a great example of a single vineyard Shiraz from this iconic region.

#### **VINTAGE 2016**

Cool, dry spring and early summer conditions through to the end of January allowed the whites to develop great flavours and high acidity. Chardonnay and Pinot Gris were picked earlier than past vintages, showing nice fruit forward characters. The cool, dry conditions became humid and sub-tropical in the last week of January, as an uncharacteristic tropical low sat over the lower Fleurieu Peninsula. From January 22nd to February 3rd we had 90mm of rain, with the temperature being no higher than 33 degrees and not falling at night below 19.5 degrees, with very little wind and constant cloud cover. These combined conditions proved challenging. Harvesting of the reds was completed in the first week of April. Wine produced from the vintage are shaping up as soft with good length and depth.

#### **WINEMAKER NOTE**

An elegant wine made from vines planted in Currency Creek on the Fleurieu Peninsula. Benefiting from a mild maritime climate, the fruit is picked in the cool of the night and crushed into a stainless steel fermenter for approximately 10 days. Post pressing, the wine was matured in 30% new and older American oak barrels for 24 months prior to bottling and release.

**ALCOHOL** 15%

**VARIETAL COMPOSITION** Shiraz 100%

**REGION** Currency Creek

# 2016 SHIRAZ