



# THE NAVIGATOR

## 2016 Shiraz

### BAROSSA VALLEY

*Navigation is the story of getting from here to there and the Shaw Family as part of their journey are proud to bring you this Barossa Valley Shiraz as a fine example of what can be achieved when you keep your eyes on the stars. The Barossa Valley is one of the oldest and most iconic wine regions in Australia and home to the oldest Shiraz vines in the world dating back to 1843.*

*The wine is skilfully made using fully ripe, beautiful flavoured and finely balanced Barossa Valley Shiraz grapes. The grapes are fermented and macerated on skins for 10-14 days. Following gentle pressing and settling, the wine was matured in French Oak*

*The result is a wine that is incredibly full bodied, richly textured displaying ripe black fruit, spice and earthy flavours.*

ALCOHOL 15.0%

#### VINTAGE 2016

The 2016 growing season started in the middle of a dry year in the Barossa Valley. The resulting drier soils, combined with a warmer than average spring and early summer, meant the vines got away at a cracking pace, growing well and setting a good number of bunches.

In late November a fire started at Pinery on the Adelaide Plains. It raced through cropping land to the western edge of the Barossa in a few hours, when a timely wind change took the fire away to the north before there was any damage to vineyards.

January was less extreme, with no rain for most of the month the grapes kept ripening quickly, and it looked like vintage was going to arrive in a rush. Up to 30mm of rain fell in the last days of the month, providing welcome refreshment for the vines.

Despite the challenges of the dry season and in many vineyards limited water, most vineyards ripened evenly and completely, once again providing the tenacity of the grape vine, and the value of old vines.