

SALTRAM

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No history of the Barossa Valley or the Australian wine industry is complete without the mention of Saltram. Established in 1859 by William Salter & Sons, Saltram wines have a proud history of more than 150 years for quality winemaking, innovation and a commitment to the Barossa region. An immigrant from England, William Salter was one of the first people to purchase land in the newly opened land survey known as the Barossa Valley. He then built a stone house for his family, naming it Mamre Brook which still stands today at the home of Saltram. From the first time William Salter planted vines in 1859, he meticulously kept a Journal to record his vineyard and winemaking activities, including techniques that are still used to make the Saltram wines today. Saltram wines have long been known for their richness, intensity and character: this wine reflects these attributes and explores the depth of the Barossa.



Vineyard: Single Vineyard, Eden Valley Mt MacKenzie, 472m above sea level

Grape Variety: Centenarian Shiraz planted in 1901

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Harvest Date: Handpicked 23rd March

2016

pH: 3.47

Acidity: 6.2g/L Alcohol: 13.7%

Bottling Date: November 2017, followed by 12 months bottling

maturation.

Peak Drinking: This wine can be enjoyed now and will develop complexities with careful cellaring.

We recommend decanting the wine prior to serving.

SHAVAUGHN WELLS WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Vintage Conditions: The 2015/2016 was characterised by a very warm and dry late Spring/early Summer period, finishing with a well-timed rainfall event at the end of January followed by mild weather conditions throughout February. These conditions restricted yields and led to high quality fruit potential.

Maturation: The 2016 Journal Shiraz was matured for 18 months primarily in a seasoned French oak vat with the balance maturing in seasoned French oak barrels.

Nose: The 2016 Journal Shiraz is lively and layered, with lifted aromatic notes of dried spices lingering on the nose after the initial flourish of cherries, strawberry compote and hints of bittersweet chocolate are savoured.

Palate: Fine, unwavering grainy tannins provide extraordinary length and persistence on the palate. A medium bodied wine with lingering brambly fruit reminiscent of wild strawberries and cherry pith present a depth and intensity that unveils the elegance of this wine.