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Barossa

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2016 'Ancestor Vine' Grenache SPRINGTON



RAINFALL:	433ml (April '15-March '16 avg. 547ml)
VINEYARD:	420m elevation Farmed sustainably with organic principles
VARIETAL:	95% Grenache, 5% Mataro
VINE AGE:	159 years
SOIL/ROCK:	Brown/grey sandy loam over yellow clays
AVG. YIELD:	< 1.0t/acre
VINIFICATION:	2t open top, indigenous yeast, 20% whole-bunch retention, two week ferment, hand-plunging & pumpover daily
MATURATION:	Oak barrels for 17 months
BOTTLING:	August '17
ACIDITY:	5.5g/l
ALCOHOL:	14.5%

From a 157 year old vineyard planted near Springton – Eden Valley, on brown and grey sandy loam over yellow clays. 20% whole-bunch fermented in stainless steel, no crushing or temperature control, natural yeasts, hand plunged and foot trodden twice daily for 2 weeks. Matured for 17 months in large, old oak barrels with a small addition of old vine mataro for balance. Made with complete respect to the fruit and aiming above the great CNDP in terms of quality, balance and longevity.

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James Suckling/
Nick Stock

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Pts

"The palate manages to present such crunchy blue fruits across a mesh of structured, chewy tannins. Full-bodied, tangy and long on the finish. Very dynamic. Delicious now but better from 2020.

Huon Hooke
HuonHooke.com

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GRENACHE

"...full-bodied and smoothly textured, rich and fleshy, with great depth and amplitude. A gorgeous wine of real gravitas. Luxurious fruit-sweetness and wonderful texture. Quietly powerful, profound and sedately flowing like a deep river of flavour."

Gary Walsh
The Wine Front

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"Incredible...great Grenache wines of the world...surely this is one of them. Drink 2018-2034+"