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Barossa

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2016 'The Contrarian' Shiraz

GREENOCK



RAINFALL: 433ml
(April '15-March '16 avg. 547ml)

VINEYARD: 280m elevation
Farmed bio-dynamically

VARIETAL: 90% Shiraz, 10% Mataro

VINE AGE: 54 years

SOIL/ROCK: Brown/red clay over blue slate and red clay/ironstone

AVG. YIELD: 2.0t/a or 34hl/h

PRODUCTION: 300 cases

VINIFICATION: 2-5t open top stainless steel & wooden vats,
indigenous yeast, 20% whole-bunch, two week ferment,
hand-plunging, foot-treading & pumpover twice daily

MATURATION: 17 months on fine lees, 18% new French oak puncheon
(500L) & balance in an old foudre (2250L)

BOTTLING: August '17, minimal So2, unrefined & unfiltered

ACIDITY: 5.5g/l

ALCOHOL: 13.9%

'The Contrarian' is a single vineyard Shiraz. Each vintage I like to express one Barossa vineyard in a contrary manner. It's a chance for me to indulge in creative wine-making and challenge traditional concepts of Barossa Shiraz.

I am proud to offer this 2016 wine from the original 2010 Greenock site. The 2011 came from Marananga, '12 & '13 from Mocolta, '14 back to Marananga and '15 from Krondorf. Greenock's unique character comes mainly from the vineyard's red clay & bluestone geology. This creates a lovely blue-fruited nose and enough tannin weight to be driven by fruit quality and not oak. There's a lovely approachability and deliciousness to this wine...much the same as the 2010!

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Gary Suckling/
Nick Stock

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"Love the aromatics on display here. There are notes of elderberries, violets and licorice, as well as richer nuances of meat and brambleberries with hints of ivy. The acidity is the big driving factor, carrying the full-bodied palate through layers of grippy tannins to the long, chewy finish. Drink in 2020."

Gary Walsh
The Wine Front

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*"...oldest vineyard...54 year old vines in Greenock...
Dare I say it, the Rhône expression of Shiraz...Drink 2018-2027+"*