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## Barossa

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### 2016 'The Redhead' Shiraz

FLAXMAN VALLEY



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

VINEYARD: Flaxman Valley at 490m elevation  
Farmed sustainably with organic principles

VARIETAL: 100% Shiraz (1654 clone)

VINE AGE: 15 years average

SOIL/ROCK: Sandy loam, quartz, ironstone over orange clay

AVG. YIELD: 1.5t/a or 25hl/h

PRODUCTION: 100 cases

VINIFICATION: 2t open top stainless Steel, indigenous yeast, 20% stem retention,  
two week ferment, hand-plunging & pumpover twice daily

MATURATION: On fine lees, 42% new French oak 225L, 500L

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

ACIDITY: 5.9g/l

ALCOHOL: 14.3%

It has been four years since a 'Redhead' release and four years of work in sourcing and honing a vineyard to carry the name forward.

We are now in Flaxman Valley which is part of the Eden Valley at about 500 metres elevation where a very different style of Barossa Shiraz can grow. Elevation, shallow top soil, quartz, ironstone and yellow to orange clays all create greater texture, complexity and above all finesse.

This is Grand Cru Barossa Shiraz. Bottled under Diam30 with a wax seal.

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James Suckling/  
Nick Stock

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*"...real complexity. Brambly nuances are matched with just-picked blueberries, crushed violets, clay, rust, mahogany and orange zest. The tight and steely tannin structure easily supports the layers of blue and darker fruit, which sweep fresh and long through a palate of real depth and finesse. A mineral yet chewy finish. Hard to resist now, but drink in 2025."*

Gary Walsh  
The Wine Front

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*"Silky smooth, spicy, plush and packed with red and black fruits, sage and dried mint, some grilled meat in there too. It's dense, but not heavy, with a beautiful set of milk chocolate tannin that coats the mouth, gently, fine and even acidity, and a nutty vanillin and dried herb perfumed aftertaste that carries very long. Beautiful wine. Fine and elegant...Drink 2019-2035."*