



Standish The Relic 2017

97 Points - Joe Czerwinski (RobertParker.com) "Standish's 2017 The Relic Shiraz-Viognier includes 2% Viognier, just enough to soften the wine's considerable tannins and add a floral element on the nose. Gorgeous scents of brambly blackberries and anise lead into a wine that's full-bodied and plush, long and silky, adding hints of cocoa and espresso on the finish."

Dan Standish "The 2017 year saw a rarely lush growing season for our old vines, with decent winter-spring rainfall and a long, sustained ripening period. We're seeing the vibrancy to match in these wines. These bright, luscious Shiraz's each reveal refined, multi-layers of graceful tannin; fleshy and distinguished. While unmistakably Barossan, this vintage carries an elegance akin to a Northern Rhone offering – an atypical shift resulting from a more modest variation of our renowned 'blow-dry' summer heat. Barrel de-classification took a leading role for these creations, bottling less than one third of production, retaining only the crème de la crème for the final cuvees. The role that soil, site and aspect play is distinctly evident in each of these single site wines as they show their most unique tones to date."

The Relic is the most exotic of the Standish quartet. Magnificent concentration of colour displaying an impenetrable midnight black core with a deep dark red black hue. Powerful aromas of blackberry and liquorice intermix with dark plum and a hint of dark chocolate followed by smoky vanillin cedar, a faint whiff of honeysuckle, fennel and pepper. Voluptuous and rich in its mouthfeel, intensely concentrated flavours of dark plum, liquorice and blackberry supplely kiss the palate. Complexing elements of smoky vanillin cedar, fennel, traces of dried meats and pepper sit beneath the enormous volume of lavish fruit. Beautiful fruit purity and balance with velvet smooth yet robust tannins giving the finish some traction. Concludes long, powerful and lusty.

Cellar 8-10 years.

Alc. 14.9%