

THE STEADING BLANC 2017



T O R B R E C K

BAROSSA VALLEY



“ IT COMES AS NO SURPRISE TO FIND THAT NON-TRADITIONAL BAROSSAN VARIETIES SUCH AS ROUSSANNE, MARSANNE AND VIOGNIER, HAVE ADAPTED AS WELL TO THEIR NEW HOME AS THEIR RED COUNTERPARTS HAVE DONE OVER THE LAST CENTURY OR SO ”

Inspired by the rich, luscious and mineral scented dry whites of the Rhône Valley, The Steading - Blanc is sourced entirely from the Descendant Vineyard on Roennfeldt Road first planted in 1994 on the Torbreck estate.

The ripe, fleshy, barrel fermented Viognier and Marsanne gives the palate a textural edge whilst the Roussanne contributes it's more flinty and austere personality.

VARIETY:	65% Roussanne 24% Marsanne 11% Viognier
VINEYARD:	Descendant Vineyard, planted in 1994
SUB-REGION:	Marananga
HARVEST:	9 to 16 March 2017
MATURATION:	Roussanne racked to tank Marsanne and Viognier underwent a slow, indigenous fermentation and rested on fine lees for 5 months in seasoned French oak barriques
ANALYSIS:	Alc/Vol 13.5% pH 3.3 Acidity 5.96g/L
COLOUR:	Light Straw
AROMA:	Fragrant, floral with underlying roasted nuts and citrus tones
PALATE:	Medium bodied, gentle texture on the mid palate and fine driving acidity
CELLAR:	From release to 3 years

VINTAGE

After a cold and rainy winter in 2016, the Barossa had one of its wettest springs on record, replenishing sub-soil moisture and setting the vineyards up for a healthy summer. Mild conditions during veraison and light rains in January and February 2017, were followed by an extended warm, dry Indian summer, creating perfect ripening conditions through to April 2017. An outstanding vintage producing bright, aromatic whites and intense, well-structured reds.

TASTING

Fragrant aromas of acacia flowers, roasted nuts and buttered citrus are neatly balanced with underlying hints of bees wax and minerality. Medium to full-bodied with a lovely creaminess that lends texture to the opulent fruit, it is invigorated by a lively line of acid and a long, spicy finish. The Steading - Blanc is a seamless wine with a silken texture that can be enjoyed with a rich crustacean based sauce and anything from the sea.