

THE LAIRD 2015



TORBRECK

BAROSSA VALLEY



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IN WINE, WE ARE PRESENTED WITH
UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPRESS
OURSELVES AND CREATE SOMETHING
TRULY REMARKABLE

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In Scottish terminology, 'The Laird' refers to the Lord of the Manor.

This single vineyard Shiraz comes from an old vineyard in Marananga, planted in 1958. The five acre vineyard is traditionally dry grown and comes from an original Barossa clonal source. South facing, on the eastern side of a ridge separating the Seppeltsfield and Marananga appellations, these aged vines have been meticulously hand tended, traditionally farmed and pruned by a grower with a lifetime's experience on Western Barossa soils of very dark, heavy clay loam over red friable clay. The resulting low yields of small, concentrated Shiraz berries make the vineyard the envy of all winemakers in the Barossa.

VARIETY:	100% Shiraz
VINEYARD:	Gnadenfrei Vineyard, Planted 1958
SUB-REGION:	Marananga
HARVEST:	19 th February 2015
MATURATION:	36 months in new French oak barriques coopered by Dominique Laurent and known as 'Magic Casks'
ANALYSIS:	Alc/Vol 15.5% pH 3.51 Acidity 6.48g/L
COLOUR:	Deep purple, opaque.
AROMA:	Energetic and aromatic. Intense lifted black fruits of blackberry, plum, mulberry then intertwined with licorice, cedar and roast espresso
PALATE:	Full bodied, round and plush. The palate has a multitude of complexities balanced by layers of silken like texture, firm tannins and a long finish.
CELLAR:	20- 30 years plus

VINTAGE

Above average rains in 2014 filled the soil profile, which was followed by a helpful deluge of rain for dry grown vineyards in January 2015. Generally dry for the remainder of vintage, warm days and cool nights created the perfect ripening conditions.

TASTING

Heady aromas of intense, rich dark fruits such as satsuma plum, blackberry and mulberry fill the bouquet with dark chocolate, spices and savoury notes combining added complexities. The palate possesses a rich concentration, with flavours of liquorice, ripe blackberries, dark plums and black cherries, evolving into a dark chocolate and mocha finish with cinnamon spice. Held together with a tight tannin profile and generous oak, the 2015 shows all the opulence and elegance of previous Laird's, but with a complexity, precision and prominence that will make sure it ages gracefully for the next 20 - 30 years.