



## No. 1 Barossa Shiraz 2006

In 1859 William Salter cleared 10 acres of land at his Mamre Brook homestead near Angaston in the Barossa and planted Shiraz. On March 20 1862, Saltram crushed its first grapes and produced 1800 gallons of a wine that was simply called 'No 1. Shiraz'. For the next 30 years, successive vintages of this wine performed impressively at Australian and International wine exhibitions.

148 years after the first No. 1 Shiraz was made Saltram are releasing the 2006 vintage.

Saltram No. 1 Shiraz is sourced from mature, low yielding Barossa vineyards.

After careful harvesting to ensure perfect ripeness, the fruit was crushed into traditional-style open fermenters to begin a long ferment to ensure full extraction of flavour, colour and tannins. The wine was then pressed and racked before being transferred into new and seasoned French and American oak barrels for 20 months maturation. After maturation, the winemaker carefully assessed each barrel before blending and bottling.

## Winemaker Comments Shavaughn Wells

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### Vineyard Region

Barossa, South Australia.

### Vintage Conditions

The 2006 vintage saw good budburst and fruit set, followed by favourable growing conditions that allowed steady, continuous ripening. Warm, dry conditions prevailed during the harvest period. The 2006 wines display exceptional flavour and structure. The fruit for this wine was sourced from selected Barossa vineyards. The grapes were picked at optimum maturity having excellent varietal flavour, good tannin structure, colour and depth.

### Technical Analysis

**Harvest Date** March - April 2006

**pH** 3.52

**Acidity** 7.0g/L

**Alcohol** 15.0%

**Residual Sugar** 1.4g/L

**Bottling Date** July 2008

**Peak Drinking** Robust and powerful in its youth, Saltram No. 1 has the potential to age for up to 15 to 20 years if carefully cellared.

### Grape Variety

Shiraz

### Maturation

Saltram No. 1 Shiraz was matured for 20 months in French oak barrels (37% new, 17% seasoned), including large format French oak vats, as well as American oak barrels (30% new, 16% seasoned).

### Colour

Deep, dark red.

### Nose

Aromas of mulberry, black olive, pure dark chocolate, blood plum and blackberry are supported by cassis-like notes.

### Palate

The palate is full and powerful with rich varietal flavours following the nose. It is richly layered with even textured tannins, savoury notes and a long finish. This is a sumptuous wine with soft ripe tannins and great structure suggesting a healthy future in the cellar.