



# SALTRAM

BAROSSA VALLEY

## SALTRAM No.1 2015

No history of the Barossa Valley or the Australian wine industry is complete without the mention of Saltram. Established in 1859 by William Salter & Sons, Saltram wines have a proud history of more than 150 years for quality winemaking, innovation and a commitment to the Barossa region. An immigrant from England, William Salter was one of the first people to purchase land in the newly opened land survey known as the Barossa Valley.

He then built a stone house for his family, naming it Mamre Brook which still stands today at the home of Saltram. Saltram wines have long been known for their richness, intensity and character: this wine reflects these attributes and explores the depth of the Barossa.



### SHAVAUGHN WELLS WINEMAKER COMMENTS

**Vineyard Region:** Barossa Valley

**Grape Variety:** Shiraz

**Harvest Date:** February 2015

**pH:** 3.54

**Acidity:** 6.8g/L

**Alcohol:** 14.5%

**Bottling Date:** October 2016 followed by 12 months bottle maturation.

**Peak Drinking:** The 2015 Saltram No.1 has ample fruit intensity and richness. This wine can be savoured now and will continue to build complexity whilst carefully cellared.

We recommend decanting the wine prior to serving.

**Vintage Conditions:** The 2014/2015 season in the Barossa was characterised by a long dry period, a relatively cool Summer extending to a very hot harvesting period. Winter rainfall was above average however Spring saw one of the driest since 2006 and well below the average. The combination of the dry Spring and fluctuating temperatures led to poor flowering conditions and fruit set. During February, temperatures soared with numerous heat spikes pushing mean average temperatures well above the average. The result was an early vintage leading to low yielding Shiraz displaying distinctly varietal characters with dense colour, lively aromatics and velvety tannins.

**Maturation:** Large format seasoned French oak casks and new and seasoned French oak barrels for seventeen months

**Nose:** Richly layered wine, brimming with notes of blood plums, mulberries and bitter chocolate. Undertones of cassis and complex dried spices combine with subtle oak, enriching the wines aromatic nose.

**Palate:** Full bodied, plush and mouth filling with savoury, velvety tannins. This full bodied wine is balanced and complex, exerting multi layered concentrated flavours. A seamless structure and lingering flavour.