



# BAROSSA CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2017

The Pepperjack range is a tribute to the Barossa's rich heritage. Our winemaking team has respect for traditional winemaking techniques and is also dynamic and imaginative. The Pepperjack winemakers are conscious of modern wine styles, and are creating wines that reflect our passion for this special region. The Pepperjack wines are rich and honest - showcasing the Barossa's outstanding qualities.

After crushing and destemming, the parcels of fruit were fermented separately in traditional style fermenters. The wines were gently pressed, racked and transferred to French, American and Hungarian oak for 12 months maturation before blending and bottling.

#### WINEMAKER COMMENTS: RICHARD MATTNER

## **VINEYARD REGION**

Barossa

# **VINTAGE CONDITIONS**

The 2017 growing seasoned for the Barossa started with a wetter than average winter and spring. This, combined with below average temperatures in December, January and February, resulted in a later harvest than we've seen in many years. With the good soil moisture and cooler temperatures the grapes ripened more slowly, enabling a gradual accumulation of sugars and flavours, producing full flavoured wines which retained their natural acidity and freshness.

# GRAPE VARIETY

Cabernet Sauvignon

#### MATURATION

This wine was matured in a combination of seasoned and new oak for 12 months.

#### **COLOUR**

Deep plum red in colour.

#### NOSE

Aromas of ripe dark berry fruits, black currants and plums with mint and varietal leafy notes.

# PALATE

The palate is rich and flavoursome, full of plush, dark fruits soft talcy tannins and hints of oak. The wine has generous length and balance, while finishing rich and soft.

#### **TECHNICAL ANALYSIS**

Harvest Date: March - April 2017

**pH:** 3.54

Acidity: 6.6g/L

**Alcohol:** 14.5%

Residual Sugar: 0.5g/L

Bottling Date: September 2018

# Peak Drinking:

This wine can be enjoyed now but will also improve with careful cellaring.