

# THE GASK 2016



T O R B R E C K

BAROSSA VALLEY



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THE GASK IS SOURCED FROM A SINGLE PLOT OF SHIRAZ NESTLED INTO THE EASTERN SLOPE OF MOUNT MCKENZIE IN EDEN VALLEY, THAT IS PAINSTAKINGLY NURTURED BY THE KNIGHT FAMILY

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Planted in 1960 this elevated site yields small, intense berries that possess great intensity of flavour without sacrificing balance and poise. Heroic in style, it still retains the cooler edge and tighter structure that make the great wines from Eden Valley famous.

The name Gask references to the stone burial grounds on the hills above the Torbreck forest - rocky outcrops that are scattered throughout Scotland - eerily similar to the landscape surrounding Greg and Cynthia Knight's small plot of Shiraz in the Eden Valley.

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<b>VARIETY:</b>	100% Shiraz
<b>VINEYARD:</b>	Knight family vineyard planted in 1960 at Mount McKenzie
<b>SUB-REGION:</b>	Eden Valley
<b>HARVEST:</b>	16 March 2016
<b>MATURATION:</b>	18 months in second fill French oak barriques, completing a slow malolactic fermentation in barrel
<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	Alc/Vol 14.5% pH 3.75 Acidity 6.22g/L
<b>COLOUR:</b>	Ink-like hue
<b>AROMA:</b>	Blueberry, wild earthy mushroom notes, cedar and graphite
<b>PALATE:</b>	Firm tannins, long mouthfeel, plush textural midpalate and balanced acidity
<b>CELLAR:</b>	5 to 10 years

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## VINTAGE

Despite a dry winter, rains in January and March 2016, freshened the older vines and provided long, slow ripening periods in between, which led to a stand-out vintage with high quality fruit.

## TASTING

Soft and elegant this wine possesses aromas of plum and eucalypt, whilst concentrated fruit gives the wine an ink-like hue. The generous palate displays notes of freshly crushed blackberry and graphite, giving way to a tightly wound tannin profile. Aged in seasoned French oak barriques this is a wine to appreciate now but will also benefit from 5 to 10 years in the cellar.