

THE GASK 2017



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.

VINTAGE

After a cold and rainy winter in 2016, the Barossa had one of its wettest springs on record, replenishing sub-soil moisture and setting the vineyards up for a healthy summer. Mild conditions during veraison and light rains in January and February 2017, were followed by an extended warm, dry Indian summer, creating perfect ripening conditions through to April 2017. An outstanding vintage producing bright, aromatic whites and intense, well-structured reds.

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.

VARIETY:	100% Shiraz
VINEYARD:	Knight family vineyard planted in 1960 at Mount McKenzie
SUB-REGION:	Eden Valley
HARVEST:	5 May 2017
MATURATION:	18 months in second fill French oak barriques, completing a slow malolactic fermentation in barrel
ANALYSIS:	Alc/Vol 15% pH 3.61 Acidity 5.82g/L
COLOUR:	Ink-like hue
AROMA:	Blueberry, wild earthy mushroom notes, cedar and graphite
PALATE:	Firm tannins, long mouthfeel, plush textural midpalate and balanced acidity
CELLAR:	5 to 10 years
