

THE GASK 2018



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BAROSSA VALLEY



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THE GASK IS SOURCED FROM ELEVATED EDEN VALLEY SITES OF OLD VINE SHIRAZ AND TAKES ITS NAME FROM THE GASK RIDGE, A SERIES OF ROMAN FORTIFICATIONS CLOSE TO THE HIGHLAND LINE NEAR THE TORBRECK FOREST

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The elevated sites in Eden Valley yield 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 of the Eden Valley.

VARIETY:	100% Shiraz
VINEYARD:	Knight family vineyard planted in 1960 at Mount McKenzie
SUB-REGION:	Eden Valley
HARVEST:	20 th April 2018
MATURATION:	18 months in second fill French oak barriques, completing a slow malolactic fermentation in barrel
ANALYSIS:	Alc/Vol 15% pH 3.59 Acidity 5.89g/L
COLOUR:	Deep purple
AROMA:	Blue and red fruits are immediate such as wild blueberry and plum balance by mineral strewn notes of graphite and wet earth.
PALATE:	Firm, taught, medium bodied with a long finish balanced by tannins, acid and an athletic structure.
CELLAR:	10 to 15 years

VINTAGE

An above average winter rainfall led into a below average spring and summer rainfall, producing small bunches and small berries, leading to a reduced yield. Quality was certainly high, particular amongst our red varieties of Shiraz, Grenache and Mataro. 2018 wines will be remembered for their impressive colour, structure and longevity.

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.