

THE GASK 2019



TORBRECK

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.

VINTAGE

The growing season was defined by a continuously warm to hot summer with no effective rainfall, wind and hail at flowering, and followed with three major frosts - resulting in an earlier and much smaller harvest than average. These tough conditions produced smaller clusters of intensely dark berries with thick fleshy skins contrasted against brown mature stalks. Whilst yields were down, once these vineyards were fermenting in our cellar the concentration of colour, tannin and aroma of the 2019 vintage was revealed

TASTING

Soft and elegant this wine possesses aromas of blue fruits such as mulberry and blue berries, with lifted wild mint. In the background, there is spice and subtle eucalypt notes. 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 10-15 years in the cellar.

VARIETY:	100% Shiraz
VINEYARD:	Blend of superior Eden Valley vineyards
SUB-REGION:	Eden Valley
HARVEST:	28 th March – 2 nd April 2019
MATURATION:	18 months in second fill French oak barriques, completing a slow malolactic fermentation in barrel
ANALYSIS:	AlcVol 14.5% pH 3.66 Acidity 5.76 g/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, taugt, medium bodied with a long finish balanced by tannins, acid and an athletic structure.
CELLAR:	10 to 15 years
