

# THE GASK 2020



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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.

## VINTAGE

Strong winds at flowering at the beginning of the growing season reduced berry and bunch count in many vineyards. The difficult seasonal conditions continued up to harvest- a dry winter and spring were followed by very hot and dry December and January. 2020 was a difficult season to manage for both grower and winemaker with yields much lower than anticipated. Older vineyards with deeper roots remained steadfast under these conditions and produced small volumes of deeply concentrated wines from the lower yields. While the yields have been small, the overall quality has created deeply coloured and textured wines that resonate their place of origin.

## TASTING

Medium bodied possessing aromas of blue fruits such as mulberry and blue berries, with underlying menthol and wild saltbush. 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.

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<b>VARIETY:</b>	100% Shiraz
<b>VINEYARD:</b>	Blend of superior Eden Valley vineyards
<b>SUB-REGION:</b>	Eden Valley
<b>HARVEST:</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> March – 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
<b>MATURATION:</b>	18 months in second fill French oak barriques, completing a slow malolactic fermentation in barrel
<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	AlcVol 15% pH 3.63 Acidity 5.91 g/L
<b>COLOUR:</b>	Deep crimson
<b>AROMA:</b>	Blue and red fruits are immediate such as wild blueberry and plum balance by mineral strewn notes of graphite and wet earth.
<b>PALATE:</b>	Firm, taught, medium bodied with a long finish balanced by tannins, acid and plush mid palate.
<b>CELLAR:</b>	10 to 15 years

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