

# 2017 MARANANGA CABERNET SHIRAZ



## HARE'S CHASE



### Technical Notes:

<b>Winemaker:</b>	Matt Reynolds
<b>Varietal:</b>	87% Cabernet Sauvignon 13% Shiraz
<b>Region:</b>	Marananga Barossa Valley
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.3% alc/vol
<b>pH:</b>	3.76
<b>TA:</b>	5.2 g/L
<b>Residual Sugar:</b>	0.42 g/L
<b>Bottled:</b>	29 March 2019



### Vintage Conditions:

2017 vintage was set by a near perfect growing season with a long-awaited wet winter with rainfall well above the long-term average. With one of the wettest spring seasons on record, this minimised the risk of frost damage. Cooler than average spring and summer temperatures ensured a long, slow growing season allowing intense flavour development and retention of natural grape acidity. Harvest was two weeks later than normal as a result of late January and early February rainfall.

### Vineyard Selection:

Both the Cabernet Sauvignon and the Shiraz was sourced from premium parcels of grapes from our estate vineyard located in the sub-region of Marananga in the Barossa Valley.

### Winemaking:

Once the grapes have been identified to be of optimum maturation and flavour ripeness, the parcels are brought into the winery where they are destemmed and crushed into the open top fermenters. Manual pump overs are conducted twice daily to provide maximum extraction of colour, flavour and tannin. The wine is matured in a combination of new (15%) and seasoned (85%) French and American Barriques and Hogshead barrels for 18 months before careful barrel selection.

### Tasting Evaluation:

**Colour:** Garnet with a deep concentrated core.

**Aroma:** Complex aroma profile with black olive, black currant, choc mint Cabernet aromas, amalgamated with raspberry and plum Shiraz notes. Subtle wafts of coconut, nougat, nutmeg and cinnamon play a secondary role.

**Palate:** Sweet and concentrated core of red and blue fruits of raspberry, black cherry, blueberry and plum. The Shiraz provides fruit generosity and mid palate richness, whilst the Cabernet provides the frame work and structure enveloping the fruit core. Subtle fine grain tannins add a further level of intensity and length of flavour.

This Classic blend of Estate grown Barossa Valley Cabernet and Shiraz pays homage to the "Great Australian Red". A distinctive wine style that is uniquely Australian.