



## 2018 'THE ENCOUNTER' BAROSSA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Being immersed in the history of Heathvale we had the pleasure of reading and re-documenting the diaries of John Heath. The name for this particular wine comes from the date Tuesday the 27th September 1859 when John Heath had a meeting with Jimmy Christmas, the last chief of the Peremangk tribe who had lived in Eden Valley for 20,000 years. This was the last recorded encounter with the local indigenous people who over the years died from contact with European diseases or moved on from the area.

Our 20+ year old Cabernet Sauvignon vines (clones LC10 & LC12) are planted on a clay pan in our estate vineyard. The trellis is VSP and vines are rod and spur pruned.

Good spring rains in 2017 and virtually no rain after that was ideal preparation for the 2018 vintage.

The grapes are hand picked and made in temperature controlled open fermenters. They are then basket pressed into 30% new French oak and second fill barrels dominate the oak treatment. There is no fining and minimal filtration.

Deep garnet in the glass with vibrant fruit aromas of blackcurrant, blackberry, and olive tapenade. Hints of black licorice, provencal herbs, dark chocolate. Subtle French oak, and sweet Eden Valley earthen notes.

In the mouth the over-riding theme for the 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon is purity of fruit. The fruit was perfectly ripe as were the tannins. There is plenty of spice and light herbal notes, licorice and gentle French oak adding to the wines complexity. Medium-bodied and compact in structure with a finish that lingers persistently on the palate.

Perfect with roast meats, robust pasta dishes or just when you need a glass of red.

Alcohol 13.7%, pH 3.61 TA 6.3 gms/L,  
Residual Sugar 0.48 gms/L



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