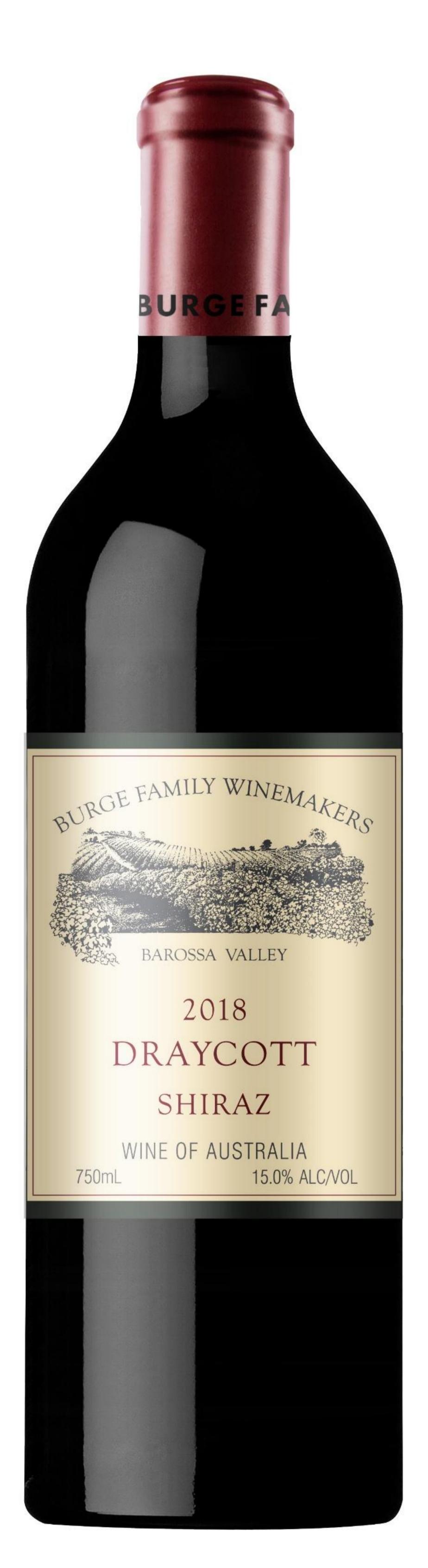
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2018 DRAYCOTT Shiraz

Variety - 100% Shiraz

Origin - Barossa Valley

Vintage

The 2018 vintage is an outstanding vintage in the Barossa,. It began with good winter rains filling the soil profile and ensuring the vines had the best start. The ensuing growing season proved to be quite a cool and mild one by Barossa standards. The trick in 2018 was to let the grapes hang to accumulate character and flavour and not pick prematurely. It is a vintage of moderate alcohols but with lifted aromatics and bright fruit.

Vineyards

This wine is from the Draycott Vineyard which has deep clay soil over Limestone. This is the perfect soil for red grapes with the vines having to "work hard", thus producing small berries/low crops with great concentration of flavour and tannin structure, that make the wines long lived- The clay in the sub soil gives good moisture retention capabilities so the vines roots can "extract" the required amount of moisture.

Winemaking

All the fruit from the Burge Family Estate is hand-picked ensuring the fruit is in pristine condition when it reaches the winery. Each parcel from the Burge Family Estate vineyard are fermented in separate batches so different winemaking techniques can be employed to build complexity and depth of flavour. Wild fermentation has been encouraged, as well as extended timSe on skins. The wine was matured in a mix of new French and American hogsheads to complement the fruit and improve quality- The wine naturally clarified, so no bottling filtration was required. The wine was bottled after being in oak for 30 months.

Tasting Notes

This fruit is from our oldest Shiraz planting at the Burge Family estate. This wine shows all the hallmarks of the great vintage starting with a very deep and strong red hue. On the nose there is an abundance of character with plums and spice coming to the fore. The palate is filled with intense blackberry fruit, plums and creamy oak. There is great complexity and the berry fruit and spicy oak linger.

Ageing

This wine can age for up to twenty years with careful cellaring.

Food Pairing

Beef and game, Korean BBQ or Chinese BBQ.

Winemaker

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