

# 2018 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>	14.0% alc/vol
<b>pH:</b>	3.62
<b>TA:</b>	6.2 g/L
<b>Residual Sugar:</b>	0.42 g/L
<b>Bottled:</b>	2 April 2019



### Vintage Conditions:

The 2018 growing season got off to the right start with winter rainfall 10% up on average. However, as the growing season progressed, rainfall was below average through spring and summer. Dry soils, combined with warmer temperatures escalated early canopy growth and led into perfect flowering and fruit set conditions. Higher than average temperatures in January and significantly higher February night time temperatures (5.8°C above average) brought harvest forward earlier than normal. The Indian summer through March and April ensured both full flavour and colour development. All in all, a great vintage.

### 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 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 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 black fruits of raspberry, black cherry 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.

Drink now or cellar for 5-10 years.