



TURKEY
FLAT
VINEYARDS
BAROSSA VALLEY

2000 SHIRAZ

The Turkey Flat Vineyard boasts some of the oldest Shiraz vines in the world. Planted in 1847, these hard-working gnarled old vines are still producing fantastic fruit. They receive no irrigation with their roots extending metres into the soil in search of moisture.

Much of the credit for the best Shiraz made in the Barossa is due to old vines such as these. The fact that these vines still exist is largely due to a far-sighted quarantine scheme, in which South Australia was spared the phylloxera outbreak which devastated the vineyards of Europe, America and subsequently parts of Australia in the late 1800's.

The 2000 vintage produced lower than average yields due to unseasonably cool weather during flowering followed by a very hot February. The result is a softer structured and more complex Shiraz than previous vintages, with lifted aromas of Christmas cake/plum pudding, cocoa, mocha, leather/suede and bitter cherries and prunes.

The palate is full bodied with flavours of cherries, plums, leather, spice, cardamon, coffee and bitter chocolate.

The Wine

Harvested	- April 2000
Grape Maturity at Harvest	- 14.5°Be
Yeast Type	- L2056 Cote du Rhone isolate
Fermentation temperature	- 18° to 24°C
Time on Skins	- 7 Days
MLF	- Spontaneous in Barrels
Bottled	- December 2001
Oak Treatment	- 20 months maturation in new and seasoned French oak hogsheads
Colour	- deep red purple
Nose	- sweet berry fruit, dark cherries, plums, spice and chocolate
Palate	- rich and concentrated with flavours of plums, mocha and sweet berry fruit
Cellar	- up to 10 years
Alcohol	- 14.5% alc/vol