



TURKEY
FLAT
VINEYARDS
BAROSSA VALLEY

2005 MOURVÈDRE

Encounters with unblended Australian Mourvèdre are rare. This is Turkey Flat's first varietal Mourvèdre.

The origins of Mourvèdre are almost certainly Spanish where it is often called *Monastrell*. It is the principal black grape of the five appellations that cluster on Spain's Southeastern Mediterranean Coast.

A very late variety in both bud break and ripening season, the Barossa Valley is one of the few areas in Australia that can successfully ripen Mourvèdre. One of the original grapes grown in the Barossa Valley, Mourvèdre thrives in the hot and dry conditions of a Barossa summer. Until the late 1960s, however, the main French plantings of Mourvèdre were in Provence, where it is the dominant grape in *Bandol*. It is also used in the blends of *Cotes du Rhone* and *Chateauneuf du Pape*.

The wine produced from Mourvèdre's small, sweet, thick-skinned berries tend to be deeply coloured, rich in spice, high in alcohol and tannin, gamey when young and full of fruit.

The Wine

Harvested	- April 2005
Maturity at Harvest	- 14.9° Baumé
Yeast Type	- Enoferm B.D.X.
Fermentation Temp	- 22° to 30°C
Time On Skins	- 10 days-14 days
MLF	- spontaneous in barrels
Oak Treatment	- 22 months in new & seasoned French oak hogsheads and puncheons
Bottled	-January 2007
Colour	- deep garnet red
Nose	- violets, black pepper, thyme, game and leather
Palate	- full bodied, intense, flavours of red and blackberry fruits, tarry licorice with a mineral flinty finish.
Cellar	- up to 15
Alcohol	- 14.5