



TURKEY
FLAT
VINEYARDS
BAROSSA VALLEY

1996 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.

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 fruit from these vines is dark and concentrated and so is the resultant wine.

With every vintage this wine seems to gain weight and flavour concentration. The 1996 vintage was an exceptional one in the Barossa. Bursting with intense Shiraz fruit flavours enhanced by 2 years maturation in a combination of French and American oak hogsheads. Rich and full bodied with masses of sweet berry fruit, dark cherries, plums and chocolate. The palate, while intense and powerful, is smooth and long, with lingering tannins.

AS with previous vintages of Turkey Flat Shiraz this wine will improve with age. So cellar it alongside your other Turkey Flat wines and enjoy its unfolding pleasures over the next 20 years.

The Wine

Harvested	- April 1996
Bottled	- February 1998
Oak Treatment	- 22 months maturation in new and seasoned French and American oak hogsheads
Colour	- deep red purple
Nose	- sweet berry fruit, dark cherries, mocha and spice
Palate	- rich and concentrated, plums, chocolate and sweet berry fruit
Cellar	- up to 20 years
Alcohol	- 14.9% alc/vol