



TURKEY
FLAT
VINEYARDS
BAROSSA VALLEY

1997 GRENACHE NOIR

Grenache has its origins in Spain, in particular the Northern Province of Aragon. A favourite in Southern Australia due to its ability to withstand extremes of heat, aridity and wind, it produces wines of exceptional quality, providing yields are kept low (around 3 tonnes/acre). The vines are traditionally spur pruned, often in a goblet shaped bush.

Grenache has been a very popular variety in the Barossa Valley and for the first 100 years of the wine making industry it was the mainstay of fortified winemaking. The decline in fortified wine during the 1960s and 1970s saw many Grenache vines pulled but renewed interest in the variety for table wine production in the 1990s means that those aged vines which remain are now highly prized.

This wine is made from 80 year old Grenache vines grown on the Turkey Flat Vineyard. These old vines produce fantastically concentrated fruit which translates into a style of Grenache for which Turkey Flat has become famous.

The 1997 vintage has produced a bigger style of Grenache than the last two vintages, with a firm structured finish. It has all of those distinctive and wonderful fruit characters of previous Turkey Flat Grenache Noir's, which make this wine approachable when young, while still yet having the potential for cellaring.

The Wine

Harvested	– May 1997
Bottled	– February 1998
Oak Treatment	– French and American oak hogsheads
Colour	– bright plum to cherry red
Nose	– perfumed, spicy with sweet berry and cherry fruit aromas
Palate	– medium-full bodied, rich and fleshy with intense fruit flavours
Cellar	– five to seven years
Alcohol	– 15.3% Alc/Vol