



TURKEY
FLAT
VINEYARDS
BAROSSA VALLEY

1997 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 intensity and concentration of this wine is a reflection of the dry growing conditions of the 1997 vintage and this Shiraz is the first for Turkey Flat that includes a small component of new French Oak.

Deep dark purple with vibrant hues. The nose is reminiscent of ripe plums, spicy cedar and vanillan oak. The spiciness follows through to the palate where the combination of fruit, oak flavours and tannin combine to give an enormous mouthful of wine. The flavours persist with soft, firm tannins, suggesting a long cellaring potential.

The Wine

Harvested	- April 1997
Grape Maturity at Harvest	- 14.5°Be
Yeast Type	- Lalvin Cote du Rhone L2056
Fermentation temperature	- 15° to 20°C
Time on Skins	- 7 Days
Malolactic Fermentation	- Spontaneous in Barrels
Bottled	- February 1999
Oak Treatment	- 22 months maturation in new and seasoned French and American oak hogsheads
Colour	- deep red purple
Nose chocolate	- sweet berry fruit, dark cherries, plums, spice and chocolate
Palate fruit	- rich and concentrated, plums, mocha and sweet berry fruit
Cellar -	up to 20 years
Alcohol	- 14.7% alc/vol