



TURKEY  
FLAT  
VINEYARDS  
BAROSSA VALLEY

## 1999 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 grapes. They are dry grown 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 depth of fruit flavours in this wine is a reflection of the extended ripening conditions and moderate yields of the 1999 vintage.

The 1999 Shiraz shows hallmark Barossa Shiraz characters of red berry fruits, plums, leather and chocolate. The palate is supple and mouth-filling showing intense ripe fruit flavours, and has a fine textured tannin finish.

### *The Wine*

Harvested	- April 1999
Maturity At Harvest	- 14.2° Baumé
Yeast Type	- L2056 Cote du Rhone isolate
Fermentation Temp	- 18° to 24°C
Time On Skins	- 7 days
MLF	- spontaneous in barrels
Oak Treatment	- 22 months maturation in new & seasoned French oak hogsheads
Bottled	- February 2001
Colour	- deep red purple
Nose	- sweet berry fruit, blackberries, dark cherries, plums, spice & chocolate
Palate	- rich & concentrated, with flavours of plums, mocha & wood spice and sweet berry fruit.
Cellar	- up to 15 years
Alcohol	- 14.0%