

THORN-CLARKE

BAROSSA SHOTFIRE QUARTAGE

2020



THE BRAND

When the Clarke forbears discovered gold in 1870 at the Lady Alice mine in the Barossa goldfields, so began a family dynasty intrigued by geology. A fine legacy that is reflected today in the terroir of our vineyards. The Shotfire range immortalises the Shotfirer's hazardous job of setting and lighting the charges.

WINEMAKERS NOTE

This generous blend boasts a rich deep red-purple colour. Aromas of blackberries, satsuma plum and anise fill the glass. On the palate, plush tannins are accompanied by rich notes of cassis and blackcurrant. Together they produce a wine with lavish density, complexity and length. A wine that can be enjoyed now or laid down to age for many years.

VINTAGE

Much like the previous vintage, the 2020 harvest has produced wines of immense quality but with very low quantities. Another dry winter and mild weather during the ripening period lead to great varietal flavours and excellent tannin structure. Upon harvest the bunches were few and far between and the berries themselves small. This led to fruit with intense flavour and colour along with great power and balance.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was harvested at night. Fermentation was carried out in a variety of small capacity fermenters. After pressing the parcels were filled to French oak for 12 months maturation. The wine was racked after six months and the parcels were blended to form the final wine.

58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Cabernet Franc, 16% Merlot, 10% Petit Verdot

Alcohol - 14.5% Winemaker - Peter Kelly

Vineyards - St Kitts, Milton Park