

# THORN-CLARKE

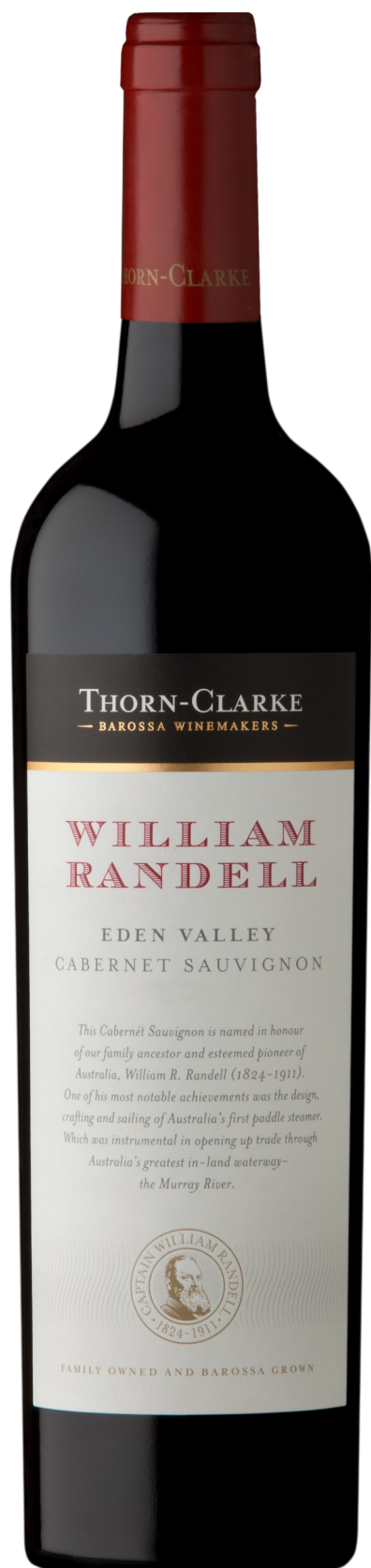
— BAROSSA WINEMAKERS —

EDEN VALLEY

WILLIAM RANDELL

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2016



## THE BRAND

The William Randell range of wines were created in honour of our family ancestor - the esteemed pioneer William Richard Randell (1824 - 1911). The wines are sourced solely from grapes grown on our estate vineyards. Wines in this range are only made in exceptional vintages.

## WINEMAKERS NOTE

Dense black red in colour. Lifted blackcurrants and violets with perfumed briary fruit on the nose. The palate shows ripe varietal characters with plush elegant fruit and savoury French oak. The palate is long and refined with complexity and balance.

## VINTAGE

A warm dry spring led to into similarly dry conditions in December and January. The warm weather brought harvest on in the first week of February. A couple of good rain events led to milder conditions and a long even ripening period and excellent flavour development. The wine from 2016 show typical Barossa warmth and generosity and will age well.

## WINEMAKING

Following harvest the fruit was crushed into a variety of small fermenters (4 to 6T in capacity). Fermentation was carried out at a warm temperature (25-28°). The ferments were manually pumped over to provide good control of tannin extraction. Each fermenter was treated as a separate parcel of wine and once dry was filled to French oak (40% new). Following malolactic fermentation the wines were racked and returned to the same oak. Parcels remained in barrel for an average of 18 months prior to blending. Only the best barrels from the multiple parcels were used to make the final blend. Once blended the wine was prepared for bottling.

**ALCOHOL** - 14.5%    **WINEMAKER** - PETER KELLY

**VINEYARDS** - ST KITTS, MILTON PARK