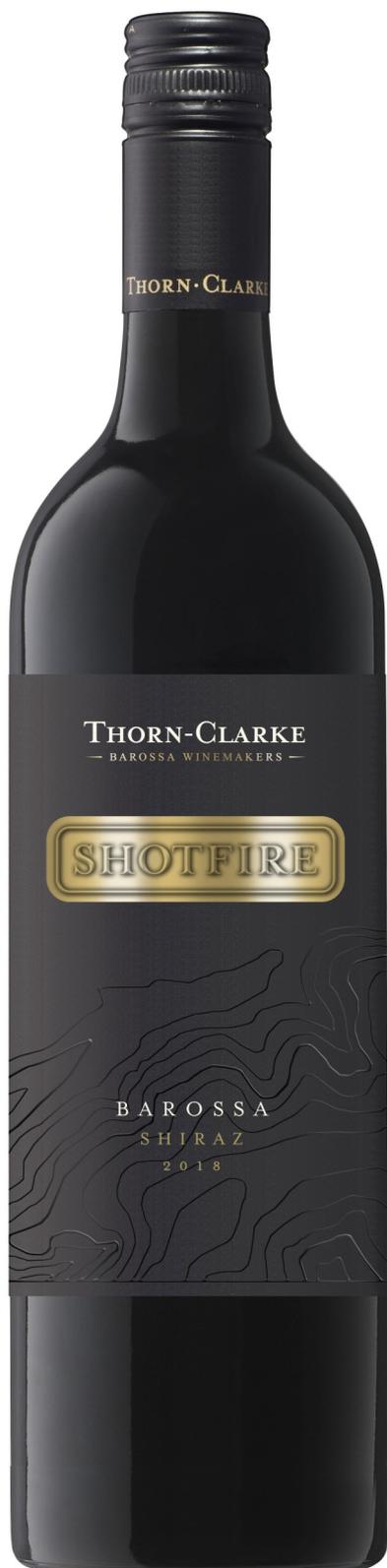


# THORN-CLARKE

— BAROSSA WINEMAKERS —

## BAROSSA SHOTFIRE SHIRAZ

2018



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### 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 wine has an intense red colour with vivid purple hues reflecting the power of the vintage. On the nose, aromas of rich dark fruits fill the glass, supported by a hint of black pepper and winter spice. A generous palate with characters of black cherry and dark chocolate. All of this is supported by opulent, mouth filling tannins which lead to a long finish and plush mouthfeel.

### VINTAGE

The 2018 growing season had all the hallmarks of a classic vintage. Consistent warm temperatures produced perfect conditions for our red varieties to ripen. This along with good winter rains and a dry harvest period resulted in wines with great depth of varietal flavours, excellent tannin structure and colour along with a long balanced finish.

### WINEMAKING

The grapes were de-stemmed into fermenters. Ferments were pumped over twice daily to maximise colour, tannin and flavour extraction. Cooling is used to ensure ferments remain in the 22-25 degree celcius range which allows maximum fruit expression in the wine. Pressing occurs approximately seven days after fermentation commences and the wine is then filled to American oak to mature (14 months in 40% new American hogsheads with the balance going into 2nd and 3rd fill barrels).

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

**VINEYARDS** - St Kitts, Milton Park