



# CLIFTON

ESTATE

## CLIFTON '1837' SHIRAZ



<b>VINTAGE</b>	2013	<b>REGION</b>	Barossa
<b>HARVESTED</b>	February 2013	<b>BOTTLED</b>	December 2014
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	15 % v/v	<b>VINEYARD</b>	St Kitts, Milton Park, Kabinenge

### WINEMAKERS NOTE

On release the wine is deep red with purple hues. The wine has a lifted nose of clean blackberry fruit and dried plums accompanied by dark chocolate. The palate displays sweet fruit characters dominated by ripe plums and dark chocolate. The wine is full bodied with obvious fine tannin structure and oak maturation adding texture and complexity to the wine. The wine has long persistence.

### VINTAGE

Spring rainfall was well below average with several days reaching 30°C. The growing season had even temperatures and little rainfall. Ripening was slow and steady leading to the development of good tannin structure and fruit characters

### 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).

