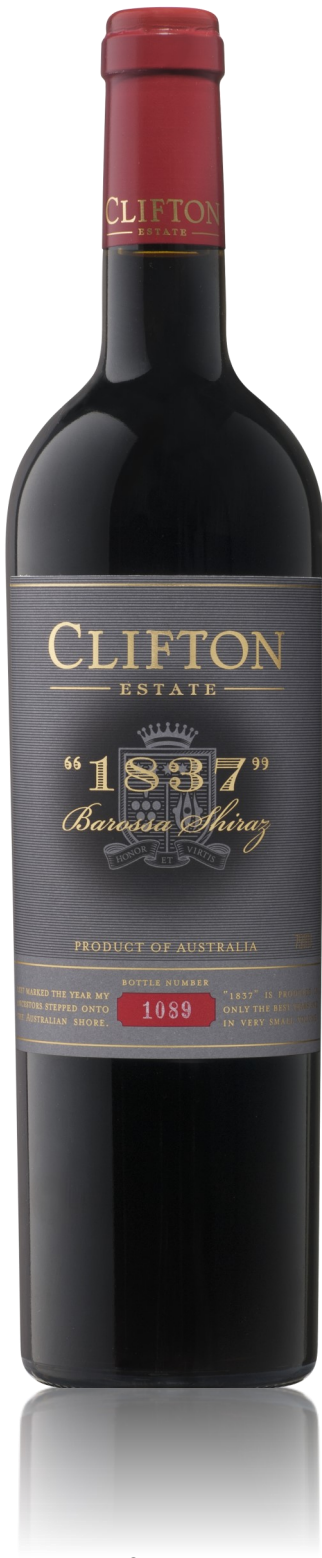




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ESTATE

CLIFTON '1837' SHIRAZ



VINTAGE	2015	REGION	Barossa
HARVESTED	February 2015	BOTTLED	February 2016
ALCOHOL	14.5 % v/v	VINEYARD	St Kitts, Milton Park, Kabininge

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

2015 Vintage was characterised by a dry period extending from July to April, together with warmer than usual temperatures during Spring until mid January which advanced maturity on lower yielding vines. Mild temperatures from Mid January slowed maturities concentrating flavour and intensifying colour development.

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).

