



*A story that has intrigued us for years is the fable of the legendary founders of Ancient Rome, Romulus and Remus. These twins were abandoned at birth and reared by a she-wolf. Romulus murdered his twin in a fit of rage over the naming of Rome, the city which both had built. Legend presents Romulus as the stronger, more powerful of the brothers, while Remus was more refined, focussed and elegant. We believe the twins' characterise the distinctive and unique flavours and attributes of Shiraz from the twin valleys – the Barossa Valley and Eden Valley.*

## **2018 ROMULUS Barossa Valley Old Vine Shiraz**

### **Wine Description**

Deep garnet in colour with a lifted array of black-cherries, plums and red-licorice aromas. A rich, powerful and well structured palate, displaying flesh and appealing textured tannins. The 2018 harvest was an exceptional Barossa vintage for old vine Shiraz, suggesting that this wine will mature well for many years to come.

### **Winemaking**

Hand harvested, destemmed and crushed into small 1.5 tonne open topped fermenters. The fruit was chilled for 5 days before being allowed to naturally warm to start fermentation. To highlight the unique vineyard characteristics a range of hand plunging cap management techniques were used across the different vineyard parcels. Post-pressing, the wines were transferred to a combination of new (50%) and seasoned French oak hogsheads. Matured for 18 months in oak without racking, the wines were then carefully blended, naturally clarified and bottled without filtration.

### **Vineyard | Region**

To qualify for the Romulus blend the vineyards need to be over 50 years of age and managed sustainably.

Barossa Valley 80+ year-old vineyard | Light Pass sub-region

Barossa Valley 80+ year-old vineyard | Moppa sub-region

Barossa Valley 60+ year-old vineyard | Menglers Hill sub-region

### **Harvest Date**

26<sup>th</sup> February 2018 | Light Pass vineyard

20<sup>th</sup> March 2018 | Moppa vineyard

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 | Menglers Hill vineyard

### **Yield**

1.5 t/acre | Light Pass vineyard

2.0 t/acre | Moppa vineyard

2.0 t/acre | Menglers Hill vineyard

### **Wine Details**

Alcohol: 14.5%

Shiraz 100%

pH: 3.72

Residual Sugar: NIL

Total Acidity: 5.8 g/l

Production: 670 doz

### **Cellaring Potential**

Built to last - optimum year 2029+