HICKINBOTHAM

CLARENDON VINEYARD

Hickinbotham Clarendon Vineyard covers a steep cut of country from the ridgetops above the village of Clarendon to the Onkaparinga River in the gorge below. Since its establishment in 1971, the Hickinbotham Vineyard has become a part of Australia's wine heritage, supplying fruit to produce many of Australia's greatest wines. Breathing new life into this historic vineyard, winemakers Chris Carpenter and Peter Fraser are forging a new era of Hickinbotham's prestigious legacy: building upon and honouring the vineyard's acclaimed record.

ELDER HILL

GRENACHE

McLAREN VALE

— 2016 —

Sourced from a single block of Bush Vines planted in 1962 at 225m altitude on the Estate. Hand picked, destemmed and whole berry sorted to open fermentation with 10% whole bunches. Cold soaked, inoculated with cultured yeast, plunged 3 times daily with 13 days on skins. Drained directly to barrel, Basket pressed, Rack and returned once over the maturation of 7.5 months prior to bottling. Matured in a selection of 5 year + Burgundy coopered barrels.

CRAFTING THE WINE

This is particularly sinuous in form, with elegant aromas of white pepper, dried fig, and quince paste. The wine's remarkably intense, with savory flavours of anise and gunmetal; it has darker, perhaps more serious flavours than various types of cherry-to-raspberry common to many Grenache wines. While particularly elegant and appetising now—a style borne of its texture and lithe form as much as its flavours—it will grow more robust in time; and with this intensity of structure, the wine has quite some time ahead of it.

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29 February, 2016

DETAILS

100% Grenache

Alcohol: 14.0% | TA: 5.6 | pH: 3.66 | 473 cases | Recommended Retail: $75



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