ARES SHIRAZ
BAROSSA VALLEY
VINTAGE 2017

THE FLAGSHIP SERIES: WINES AT THE ZENITH OF TWO HANDS WINES PRODUCTION THAT EMBODY THE FINEST SELECTION OF SHIRAZ, CABERNET SAUVIGNON, GRENACHE AND SEMILLON CRAFTED EACH VINTAGE.



ARES REPRESENTS THE VERY BEST SHIRAZ PARCELS FROM TWO HANDS WINES

COLOUR
Deep, dark red with a black core.

AROMA
The bouquet is expressive straight out the gate with notes of dark current, fresh coals, concentrated roasted meats, asian spice, liquorice, warm oil and violet.

PALATE
The palate is lush and coating, with a strong core of ripe purple to black fruits. The mouthfeel and weight have an excellent energy and persistence. This sails along the palate, with many cascading layers that reverberate into a long late palate. The tannins buffer the dense core of fruits nicely and has a succulence that is very rewarding. As the wine sits in the glass it builds to display a creamy texture, that holds its shape very well .I love the end of the ride here; your mouth is left with a puckering feeling, as the tannins roll around and slowly abate. This wine is built for the long haul and will reward a long sleep in a quiet place for 10 to 20 years with ease. This is very impressive for the vintage, where concentration was not a given. It had to be made with quality fruit selection and a good hand in the winery.

WINEMAKING
De-stemmed, crushed and fermented in five tonne open top fermenters, with regular pump overs (up to three daily over peak fermentation) to extract colour and tannin. Following 10-20 days of skin contact maceration the free run was drained to tank with the skins then pressed. Both the free run and pressings are blended to tank and then racked to oak after 24 hours. Malolactic fermentation takes place in barrel. Minimal fining and non-filtered.

MATURATION
25 months maturation with 20% new French oak. The remainder in one to four year old French oak.

CELLAR POTENTIAL
If cellared well, 20+ years.

REGION
Barossa Valley, South Australia

“Ares was the Greek God of War known for being a dangerous, untamed and violent force in battle - his sons Phobos (Fear) and Deimos (Terror) and his sister Enyo (Dischord) rode with him on his chariot into battle. Ares at Two Hands is the pinnacle of our Flagship collection and celebrates the most perfect expression of Shiraz we craft each vintage.”

TWO HANDS WINES