



# 2018 SHIRAZ

BAROSSA

The Pepperjack range is a tribute to the Barossa's rich heritage. Our winemaking team has respect for traditional winemaking techniques, yet is also dynamic and imaginative. Pepperjack winemakers are conscious of modern wine styles and create wines that reflect our passion for this special region.

After crushing and destemming, the parcels of fruit were fermented separately in traditional style fermenters. The wines were gently pressed, raked and transferred to seasoned and new oak for 12 months maturation, before blending and bottling.

## GRAPE VARIETY

Shiraz

## WINEMAKING & MATURATION

This wine is matured in a combination of seasoned and new oak barrels for 12 months.

## COLOUR

Rich, dark red with a dark purple rim.

## NOSE

The nose shows rich concentration of black and blue fruits, ripe blackberries, dark chocolate and rich mocha note. Hints of spice and integrated oak.

## PALATE

The palate is rich and plush with good structure. There are concentrated layers of blackberry, plum and blueberry fruits with soft layers of tannins to give length and finesse while finishing soft and full of flavour.

## VINEYARD REGION

Barossa (100%)

## VINEYARD CONDITIONS

The growing season started off well, with Winter 2017 rainfall higher than average. However, Spring and December rainfall was lower than average, this led to drier soils, combined with warmer than average October and November days meant the vine canopies grew quickly; flowering well and setting a good number of bunches. January and February were warm and dry, with very warm temperatures in February slowing down the pace of ripening. The Indian summer of March and early April was 'the icing on the cake', with average temperatures, without extremes, perfect for finishing off ripening to allow full flavoured wines which retained natural acidity and freshness.

## TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

**Harvest Date:** March- April 2018

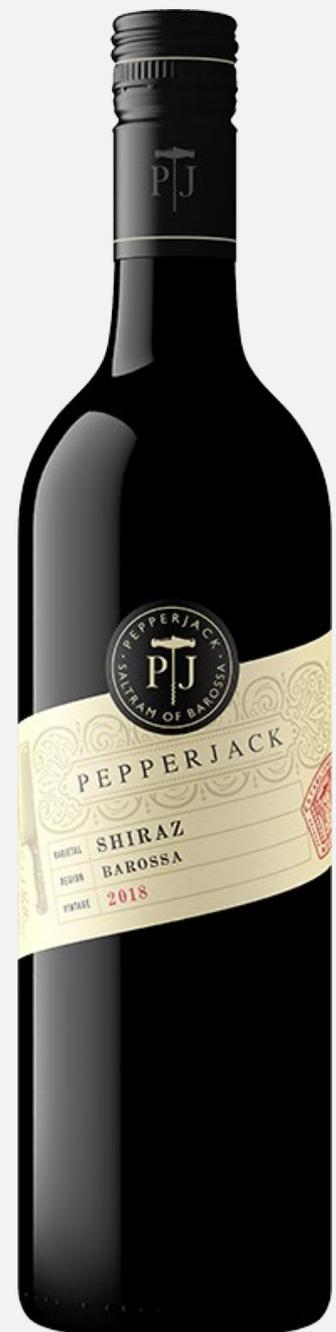
**pH:** 3.56

**Acidity:** 6.3

**Alcohol:** 14.5%

**Residual Sugar:** 0.2 g/L

**Peak Drinking:** This wine can be enjoyed now but will also improve with careful cellaring.



*When character counts.*

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