

# 2018 GLAETZER WALLACE

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Glaetzer Wallace takes on the traditional Barossa Valley blend of Shiraz and Grenache in a modern way. The Shiraz brings backbone, flesh and body to the wine with the Grenache adding a soft, vibrant juiciness.

**Variety:**

72% Shiraz / 28% Grenache

**Vineyards:**

Exceptional old vine fruit was sourced from the famed Ebenezer sub district at the northern tip of the Barossa Valley. Vine age 50—80 year old Shiraz and 50—100 year old Grenache. Yield 3.5 tonnes per hectare.

**Vintage Conditions:**

The growing season started well with above average winter rainfall but was followed by well below average spring and summer rainfall coupled with warm temperatures. Fortunately our vines were in perfect balance with healthy canopies assisting even ripening and fruit flavour development. Harvest commenced very early in late January. Calm Indian summer conditions began in early March which were perfect for finishing off vintage. The resultant 2018 wines are of exceptional quality featuring intense depth of colour, astounding aromatic purity plus richness and brightness on the palate.

**Vinification:**

Old vine Barossa Grenache has a liveliness and structure that does not benefit from oak maturation—oak contact was thus minimised for the Grenache component to preserve the purity and animation of the fruit. The Shiraz was matured for 16 months in 2—3 year old oak hogshead barrels (80% French / 20% American).

**Tasting Notes**

**Colour:** Dark, vibrant red.

**Aroma:** Bright red fruits, masses of cherry and a hint of strawberry freshness.

**Palate:** Flavours of plum, cherry and cranberry. Soft, supple tannins from the Grenache provide freshness and the Shiraz gives both weight and length.

**Peak Drinking:** A wine to enjoy in its youth that will also develop additional complexity over 6 to 8 years of cellaring.

**Wine Analysis**

Alcohol 14.5%

Total Acidity 6.12 g/l

pH 3.49

Residual Sugar 0.5 g/l