



# WOLF BLASS

## BLASS NOIR SHIRAZ BAROSSA VALLEY 2015

THE ANCIENT SOILS OF THE BAROSSA VALLEY HAVE SHAPED A RICH, MOUTHWATERING SHIRAZ WITH A FULL, YET ELEGANT PALATE. BLUEBERRY, BLACKBERRY AND BLOOD-PLUM FLAVOURS ARE COMPLEXED WITH NOTES OF CHOCOLATE, FRESH COFFEE AND SUBTLE FRENCH OAK.

In his heyday, Wolfgang Blass was confident and charismatic - just like his wines. He pushed winemaking boundaries, revolutionising the way Australians enjoyed wine. Fifty years on the world has changed, but Wolf's spirit hasn't, continuing to motivate and encourage our next generation winemakers to uphold his legacy. Inspired by a new wave of unconventional winemaking, Blass by Wolf Blass was born. Hand-crafted wines in the spirit of contemporary style and experimentation.

Blass Noir Shiraz was harvested at optimum maturity from low-yielding vineyards near Greenock on the western side of the Barossa Valley. Shiraz from this area, that sits higher in altitude than most of the Valley floor, is noted for its intensity and rich but bright, dark fruit characters.



### WINE SPECIFICATIONS

VINEYARD REGION *Barossa Valley*

VINTAGE CONDITIONS *Good winter rains held promise for the season, but spring was very dry, giving rise to early flowering and fruit-set. Summer was mild, with a downpour in mid-January doing no more than refresh the vines. A very warm February brought on an early, condensed harvest, with March conditions cooling significantly. Reds are well coloured and full of flavour.*

GRAPE VARIETY *Shiraz*

MATURATION *18 months maturation in seasoned and new French oak has enhanced structure and complexity.*

WINE ANALYSIS *Alc/Vol: 14.5%  
Acidity: 6.9 g/L  
pH: 3.56*

PEAK DRINKING *Enjoyable on release or will develop more complex, integrated flavours with 6 to 8 years careful cellaring.*

FOOD MATCH *Great with crispy roast duck legs with plums and five-spice, or chargrilled kangaroo fillet with native pepperberries.*

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

COLOUR *Deep crimson with purple highlights.*

NOSE *Intense aromas of blueberries, blackberries and blood-plums are layered with dark chocolate and spice, and complexed with underlying notes of freshly ground coffee and chicory root.*

PALATE *A harmonious, richly textured and mouthwatering wine with elegant, fleshy fruit brandishing bright, juicy flavours of blood-plum and fresh berries. Supported by a touch of subtle French oak, a fine acid structure and silky tannins, the palate wraps up beautifully with a long, seamless finish.*

*Winemaker: Chris Hatcher*