

# BALTHASAR

SHIRAZ 2018

*'This wine showcases the fruit power that Eden Valley can deliver. We aim to preserve this fruit through winemaking and maturation', Craig Stansborough, Chief Winemaker.*

GRAPE VARIETY	Shiraz
VINEYARD REGION	Eden Valley
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc14.5%   pH 3.49  TA 5.92g/L  RS <1g/L
MATURATION	Matured for eighteen months in oak. 38% new French hogsheads with the balance matured in a combination of two-to-five year-old French hogs-heads and puncheons.
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	The 2018 harvest was dry but produced great quality thanks to the retention of water in the soils from the rainy months leading up to vintage. The dry, warm conditions were welcomed creating low disease pressure. These warm, dry conditions coupled with cool night-time temperatures produced fruit with exceptional flavour that were harvested at lower degrees of sugar ripeness creating a wine that is vibrant and balanced.
WINEMAKER NOTES	Fermented in Stainless steel with temperatures reaching 28°C. Pump overs were performed four times a day with reduced pump overs towards the end of fermentation. Gentle pressing was performed by a combination of basket and bag press.
COLOUR	Intense richness; deep, dark purple
NOSE	Pure Eden Valley Shiraz on the nose; deep, dark and brooding. Thick set, broad shouldered and a beautiful perfume of blueberries covered in milk chocolate and clove-cinnamon-cedar oak with notes of lifted eucalyptus and white pepper.
PALATE	A powerful combination full of rich dark fruit that is very typical of the cooler Eden Valley. A wave of clove-cinnamon-cedar oak mixed with a hint of fresh thyme and a full, round velvety finish.
PEAK DRINKING	2025 -2035
LAST TASTED	May 2020