

EST. 1847

# TURKEY FLAT VINEYARDS

TANUNDA — BAROSSA VALLEY

## TASTING NOTES

- 2016 -

### THE ANCESTOR SHIRAZ

*(Single Vineyard · 100% Shiraz)*

In 1847 Johann August Frederick Fiedler planted shiraz vines (*amongst 72 varieties of grape vine*) on his property at 'Turkey Flat'. It was the preservation of the same vines in the face of the 1987 vine pull scheme which prompted the Schulz family (now 5th generation owners of the Turkey Flat property) to begin a more personal approach to winemaking. Thus, after years of hard work bringing the garden back to life, in 1990 Turkey Flat Vineyards was born. Naming 'The Ancestor' refers, of course, to our own Ancestors who purchased the Turkey Flat property in the 1870s, although interestingly the vines themselves are classified as 'Ancestor' vines by the Barossa Old Vine Charter. The distinctive script on this label has been taken directly from the 1888 Schulz family butchers ledger, discovered while restoring their shop to become our Cellar Door.

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#### VINTAGE 2016

A vintage that saw our ancient vines flourish under a dry growing season, showcasing their unique character and resilience.

#### TASTING NOTES

The Ancestor is the epitome of the Turkey Flat style. Balance, poise and purity are hallmarks. An exceptional wine that guarantees to reward the owner for a generation to come.

#### WINEMAKING

The wine was vinified in an open fermenter before being transferred to French oak Hogsheads for maturation. At the the time of the 1847 Turkey Flat Shiraz classification, the best old and new barrel were chosen to be destined for The Ancestor Shiraz. This wine remained in barrel for a further 12 months & aged 12 months in bottle prior to release.

#### TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

**Harvested:** 17th February, 2016

**Maturity at Harvest:** 13.5° Baumé

**Oak Treatment:** 28 months in 50% new French oak

**Bottled:** 10th April 2019

**Cellar:** 30+ years

**Alcohol:** 14.0%

