

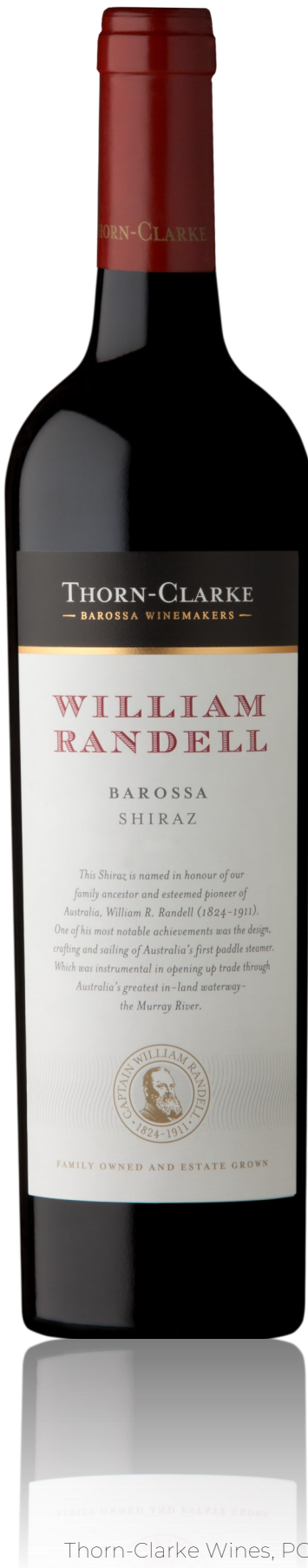
THORN-CLARKE

BAROSSA

WILLIAM RANDELL

SHIRAZ

2019



The Brand

The William Randell range of wines were created in honour of our family ancestor - the esteemed pioneer William Richard Randell (1824 - 1911). The wines are sourced solely from grapes grown on our estate vineyards. Wines in this range are only made in exceptional vintages.

Winemakers Note

This classic Barossa Shiraz is a deep, rich, and powerful example of the region's specialty variety. The colour is a dark, almost impenetrable red-purple, with vibrant red highlights at the rim of the glass. The nose is lifted and intense, with complimentary blackberry, black cherry and spice and a gentle smoky oak complexity. The palate is dense and opulent with flavours of ripe mulberry, berry compote and liquorice, paired with well-integrated oak notes. The tannins are savoury and persistent, adding structure and depth to the wine, while the finish is plush and spicy, leaving a lasting and memorable impression.

Vintage

The 2019 vintage in the Barossa can be summed up with two key points; low yields and high quality. Winter in 2018 was extremely dry and with high winds, frost and rain at flowering the Thorn-Clarke vineyards had a lot to contend with. As a result the vines had a very small amount of bunches and small amount of berries per bunch. Low yield though led to concentration of varietal characters in the bunches and the berries produced this year were intense in fragrance, flavour and colour. Best of all they have an amazing balance. Truly 2019 will sit alongside the greatest vintages the Barossa has seen this century.

Winemaking

Following harvest the fruit was crushed into a variety of small fermenters (4 to 6T in capacity). Fermentation was carried out at a warm temperature (25-28°). The ferments were manually pumped over to provide good control of tannin extraction. Each fermenter was treated as a separate parcel of wine and once dry was filled to American oak (40% new). Following malolactic fermentation the wines were racked and returned to the same oak. Parcels remained in barrel for an average of 18 months prior to blending. Only the best barrels from the multiple parcels were used to make the final blend. Once blended the wine was prepared for bottling.

Alcohol - 14.5% Winemaker - Peter Kelly

Vineyards - St Kitts, Milton Park

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