



# SALTRAM

2018

*No.1*

## BAROSSA SHIRAZ

Established in 1859 by William Salter & Sons, Saltram wines have a proud history of more than 160 years for quality winemaking, innovation and a commitment to the Barossa region. An immigrant from England, William Salter was one of the first people to purchase land in the newly opened land survey known as the Barossa Valley. The Saltram No.1 Shiraz is one of the most decorated wines to be made from the Barossa. Sourced from low-yielding vines primarily along the Eastern fringe of the Barossa Valley floor, the wine is a perfect postcard of the strength, power and character that is typical of iconic Barossa Shiraz. Made in traditional style open fermenters and with a deep intensity in both colour and flavour, it is a wine that will never disappoint. Saltram wines have long been known for their richness, intensity, and character: this wine reflects these attributes while exploring the depth of the Barossa.



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**Vineyard Region:** Barossa-

Barossa Valley 78%, Eden Valley 22%

**Grape Variety:** Shiraz

**Harvest Date:** March-April 2018

**pH:** 3.55

**Acidity:** 6.6g/L

**Alcohol:** 15%

**Additives:** Contains Sulphites.

**Bottling Date:** October 2019

**Peak Drinking:** The 2018 Saltram No.1 has ample fruit intensity and richness. This wine can be savoured now and will continue to build complexity whilst carefully cellared.

We recommend decanting the wine prior to serving.

**Vintage Conditions:** The 2017/18 was characterised by long dry periods and regular heat spikes favourable for ripening fruit. The hot dry weather contributed to a delay in sugar accumulation during the last phase of ripening – at this stage, patience was required and rewarded. Autumn rainfall was below average, however during the latter part of Winter, good rains assisted with vine growth in Spring. Summer brought dry weather; the 3rd driest in 17 years – this continued into Vintage with dry weather for the entire vintage.

**Maturation:** Large format seasoned French oak casks and new and seasoned French oak barrels for 16 months

**Nose:** Ripe blood plums, black olives and dark cherries complemented with hints of cocoa and anise.

**Palate:** This full-bodied red wine has a velvety palate with an excellent line of fruit flavours, chalky tannins, and a fine lingering finish. The palate is dense with layers of rich dark fruits, a complex array of spices and a wonderful seamless palate that continues to persist.