



TURKEY
FLAT
VINEYARDS
BAROSSA VALLEY

1996 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

This wine is made from fruit grown on the 150 year old Turkey Flat vineyard in Bethany, Tanunda. The Cabernet Sauvignon is planted on the river flats near the cellar door where tobacco once grew during World War 1. Although the tobacco did not thrive in the deep, black alluvial soils of the river flat, the Cabernet Sauvignon vines produce fruit of exceptional richness and concentration in these conditions.

One of the most extraordinary aspects of Cabernet Sauvignon is its ability to travel, to set down its roots in distant lands and still produce something that is recognizably Cabernet, whatever the circumstances and conditions. While the Barossa Valley has largely earned its reputation for making 'big' reds with the Shiraz grape variety, this wine is certainly proof that the Barossa can produce Cabernet with power and concentration to match.

The 1996 Vintage was a fantastic one in the Barossa Valley producing wines of exceptional quality. This is the third vintage of Cabernet Sauvignon for Turkey Flat and due to the excellent conditions of the 96 vintage we think it is our best yet. The palate is rich with ripe, sweet blackberry and cherry flavours. The finish is beautifully balanced with subtle oak and fine-grained tannin grip.

The Wine

Harvested	- March 1996
Bottled	- February 1998
Oak Treatment	- French and American oak hogsheads
Colour	- Dark red with purple hues
Nose	- Intense and upfront, cassis, spice and dark berry fruits
Palate	- Full bodied
Cellar	- Five to 10 years
Alcohol	- 13.9% Alc/Vol