

GROOM BAROSSA VALLEY 2018 ZINFANDEL

Variety: Zinfandel (100%)
Vineyard: Kalimna 'Bush Block'

Appellation: Barossa Valley, South Australia

Vintage: 2018

Maturation: 12 months, 25% New.

(French 50% American Oak 50%)

Alcohol: 14.9% V/V

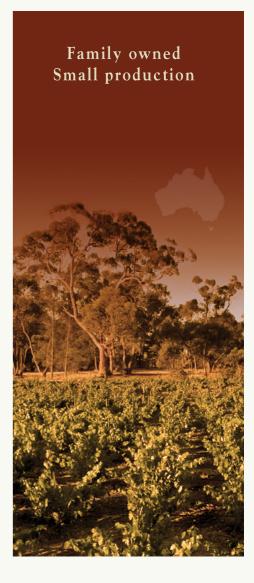
pH Acid: 3.54 .65gm/100ml
Residual Sugar: .66gm/100ml
Production: 200 cases

This wine is produced from our estate vineyard in the Kalimna area of the Barossa Valley. The area is home to some of Australia's greatest Shiraz vineyards. Known for its unforgiving soils we felt it a perfect site to help pioneer the Zinfandel grape into Australia. The vines were grown in a traditional head-trained method, commonly referred to as "bush vines" in Australia. This training produces lower yields and more concentrated berries.

2018 was a high-quality vintage with great yields also. Flavours and colors on the reds were wonderful. In fact, so good that this is the first year we have not tweaked the Zinfandel with a little Shiraz. We had above average winter rainfall which turned out to be a blessing as the few summer rains we normally receive were only 50% of usual and day and night temperatures were slightly higher.

Our 2018 Zinfandel is definitely up there with the best we have made. The nose is unmistakably Zinfandel in fruit character with distinct red fruit characters and some lovely spice. The wine is medium bodied and structured with evident bright acidity, finishing with soft tannins. The slightly higher alcohol than previous years gives a nice welcome warmth on the finish.







ABOUT THE WINEMAKER - DARYL GROOM

Daryl has been named Winemaker of the Year by eight publications including the *San Francisco Chronicle* and *Los Angeles Times. Food and Wine Magazine* named him one of 11 visionaries to "change the world of wine". He was also recently named one of the Top 100 Most Influential People in the Wine Industry. He has judged over 120 wine shows across the United States.

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