



# Le Bâtard

Barossa  
Grenache, Pinot Noir  
2016

Big on bright strawberry and raspberry fruit, with a creamy edge and a refreshing bite of crispness - a lovely full-bodied pink from the Barossa.

### The Story

Not red and certainly not white, but midway between the two, Le Bâtard is the apogee of ambiguity, the outsider. For that reason it's become a bit of a fighter – proud, robust and fruity with an attractive bit of bite hiding deep within. It's perfect for all occasions – from a refreshing glassful to a dazzling partner with food.

### The Wine

As you'll be able to tell just from peeking at the colour of Le Bâtard, this is a full-bodied rosé with plenty of fruit. It's made from that southern Rhône variety, Grenache, mainstay of Châteauneuf-du-Pape in fact, but also known particularly in Spain for its standout rosado. It enjoys similar hot, drought-like conditions in the Barossa. And in 2016 we added some Pinot Noir to lend lovely colour and pretty floral, berry notes, too.

Those tasty Grenache grapes – the majority in the blend – come from 60 year old vines, which explains some of the lovely punchy fruit of the wine. Dan keeps a beady eye on vineyard progress throughout the year ... to ensure the grapes come in at the optimum moment for picking. That's why you have that delicious balance of bright red berry fruit and crispness.

### Tasting Note

Deep pink hue, with crunchy redcurrant, violet hints and a creamy note. A mouthfilling, full-bodied light red wine that possesses summer berries and an underlying savoury edge that takes this beyond the norm. Our proud Bâtard standing firmly on its own.

### Food Pairing

Ideal with many vegetarian options – veggie kebabs with scented rice, a creamy savoury roulade and all sorts of salads – its spot on with chicken satay, smoked chicken salad or simply roasted, and more than acceptable with seafood, from roasted monkfish to prawn noodle stir fry. And of course, a most satisfying glass solo as well.

### Cellar Potential

Young, fresh and fruity - and incredibly delicious because of it - enjoy it young while it still packs a vibrant punch. However, it's sealed with a screwcap so it will stay in top shape for a good while to come yet.



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Grape: Grenache, Pinot Noir  
Alcohol (abv): 12.5%  
Total Acidity: 4.80 g/l

Residual Sugar: 0.49 g/l  
Wine pH: 3.59  
Cellar Potential: 3 years



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