

# John's Blend

## TASTING NOTES

### 2016 John's Blend

### Margarete's Shiraz – No. 21



**Colour:** Deep red plus some mature hues.

**Nose:** Very complex rich chocolate/mint with refined French oak.

**Palate:** Rich and soft. A classic Langhorne Creek chocolate/mint intensity, followed by an excellent long palate balanced by the French oak complexity.

A blend of Shiraz grapes from four highly regarded vineyards of Langhorne Creek.

The 2016 Margarete's Shiraz is full bodied, displaying exceptional rich intense chocolate and mint characters on the nose and palate.

The wine will develop further complex flavours with extended bottle ageing.

The limited annual release will certainly reward collectors and wine enthusiasts .

## Winemaking

Each vineyard was harvested separately and individually fermented. Fermentation on skins for 10-12 days with temperature controlled between 14 and 22 degrees C.

While still sweet (approx 2.0 degrees Baume), skins were pressed and returned to the free run wine.

The individual components completed primary and secondary fermentation in seasoned French (83%) and American oak (17%) hogsheads.

The resulting wines were racked and matured in the same oak for 29 months prior to blending and bottling during the spring of 2018.