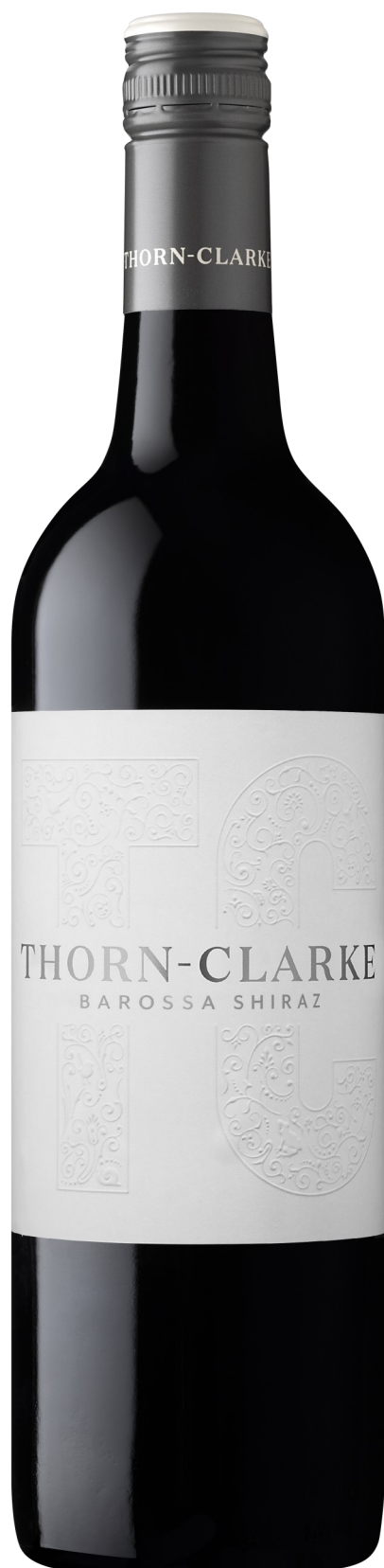


# THORN-CLARKE

## VARIETAL COLLECTION

### SHIRAZ

2020



#### THE RANGE

We believe that exceptional wines are created in the vineyard and that we are custodians, rather than creators of quality. Six generations of rich viticultural and geological family history has gone into creating these wines, which truly showcase the best of the Barossa & Eden Valley.

#### WINEMAKER'S NOTE

Vibrant red with purple highlights, this is a bright and expressive Shiraz. Enticing spice and perfumed red fruit are expressed on the nose. The palate is layered with notes of cherry, raspberry and pepper with savoury, crunchy tannins. A wine with texture, style and interest; a very drinkable expression with poise and generosity.

#### VINTAGE

Much like the previous vintage, the 2020 harvest has produced wines of immense quality but with very low quantities. Another dry winter and mild weather during the ripening period lead to great varietal flavours and excellent tannin structure. Upon harvest the bunches were few and far between and the berries themselves small. This led to fruit with intense flavour and colour along with great power and balance.

#### WINEMAKING

Harvested from our most Northern Eden Valley Vineyard during the cool of night and at optimal maturity. The bunches were destemmed and fermented in a combination of 4 & 6 tonne open fermenters with pump overs twice daily. After 7 days on skins the wine was pressed off into stainless steel tanks to complete malolactic fermentation. Once both primary and secondary fermentation were complete, the wine was filled and matured in 10 year old oak for 12 months prior to bottling. This wine has had no fining or filtration.

**Alcohol** - 14.5%    **Winemaker** - Peter Kelly    **Vineyard** - Milton Park