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2016 VSV 1885 BAROSSA SHIRAZ

Over the past decade, some special pockets of land have consistently stood out to the winemakers for their quality and individual character. Fruit from these vineyards was set aside, and made in small batches to highlight this character as single vineyard wines. The commitment of each grower is recognised with their signature on the label.

Our tightly held VSV - Very Special Vineyard - wines are only made in exceptional years when a single site delivers the ultimate harmony of varietal and region.

Ebenezer, in the north-west of the Barossa, is home to Ralph and Angela Schrapel who are sixth generation guardians of a very special patch of Shiraz planted by their forebears in 1885. Planted on red brown earth soils, at over 300m above sea level, this 4 acre block is home to extremely low yielding, gnarled and twisted vines producing a red wine of rich colour and flavour intensity.




Ian Hongell, Chief Winemaker

Winemaker's note	The colour is bright with a deep crimson hue. The bouquet is abundant with dark plums, spice and a hint of choc mint and charry oak in the background. The palate is typical 1885, soft and elegant with a long, intense blue fruited finish. Can be cellared until 2036.
Vintage	The 2016 vintage in the Barossa began with warm and dry weather, no disease pressure and one magnificent rain event at the end of January. This was perfectly timed for veraison and flavour development of the fruit.
Vineyards	This highly prized vineyard on its own roots was planted by the Schrapel family in Ebenezer in 1885. The current family custodian Ralph Schrapel, is a 6th generation Barossan.
Winemaking	Fermented and macerated on skins for 14 days. Following processing with clarification, the wine was matured in French Oak hogsheads for 14 months prior to bottling.
Enjoy	Try this with a great T-Bone steak, roast duck or a mature Pecorino Romano cheese - a wine for special occasions.
Analysis	Alc/Vol 14.5% TA 6.46g/L pH 3.53 RS 0.57g/L*

*Glucose & Fructose

