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2017 Burns & Fuller Langhorne Creek Shiraz

Grape Variety: 100% Shiraz
Region: 88% Langhorne Creek, 12% McLaren Vale
Winemaker: Jim Zerella
Closure: Screwcap
Alcohol: 14.5%
Pack Size: 12 Bottle Pack

Summary: A partnership with our Adelaide Hills and Langhorne Creek growers, Burns & Fuller is a range of contemporary and fruit driven varietal wines made by Jim Zerella, Each wine is fruit-driven and balanced with a core of fruit given complexity by a barren aged component.

Vineyards: Sourced from a combination of established, dry-grown vineyards in central South Australia and low-yielding McLaren Vale vineyards. Wines are made and matured by Jim Zerella in McLaren Vale.

Winemaking: The fruit is hand-harvested and vineyard sorted before de-stemming and cool fermentation in small two tonne open fermenters with regular hand plunging. Matured in seasoned French and American oak (30% new French) for nine months before bottling with minimal filtration and sulphur addition.

2017 Vintage: Flowering and budburst were delayed due to the cooler, wet spring. A long ripening period ensued with resultant picking occurring much later than previous years. Crops were smaller but with excellent vineyard and canopy management and a warm summer our fruit reached optimal ripeness with additional character developed through extended hang-time.

Tasting Note: This is plush with lifted red and blue berry fruit flavours layered with dark spice, fresh leather and black olive. The palate is loose and mouth-filling, driven long by fresh acidity and supple tannins. A serious wine suitable for all occasions – ready to drink now or with careful cellaring it will improve over the medium term.

