



2016 Woods Crampton 'Michael John' Single Vineyard Barossa Valley Shiraz

Grape Variety: 100% Shiraz
Winemaker: Nicholas Crampton and Aaron Woods
Alcohol: 15%

Summary: “My father created a thriving business from scratch, overcoming many challenges to achieve so much, all whilst never changing who he was or forgetting where he came from. There is much similar in this one hundred and twenty year old vineyard, having slowly grown to greatness whilst still clearly expressing its roots. I like to think there is a long and bright future ahead for both of them. This one’s for you dad” Aaron Woods

Vineyard: Sourced from a vineyard planted in eighteen ninety four in the Marananga sub-region, dry grown and planted on its own rootstocks. Hand picked at less than one and a half tonnes per acre.

Winemaking: Made using Burgundian techniques and a “hands-off” philosophy. The fruit is hand-picked, given an overnight chill before a cold-soak for seven days at seven degrees. The fruit is primarily de-stemmed and allowed to reach ambient temperature before transferred to one-tonne fermenters with 30% whole bunches laid across the bottom. A very slow, cool ferment with the cap held down and hand plunging twice daily.

The fruit was racked to high quality low toast French Oak barriques (300L), fifty percent new, and topped every six weeks but not racked or stirred for twenty months. The wine was not fined, given a coarse filtration and a dash of sulphur before bottling.

2016 Vintage: An outstanding vintage, possibly the most conventionally perfect in the Barossa Valley in a decade – despite a number of hot contenders. Excellent, balanced and consistent conditions – warm but not too warm, dry but not too dry, crucially cool Autumn nights – have led to intensely flavoured and brilliantly balanced fruit with excellent freshness.

Tasting Note: A dark brooding beast of almost impenetrable colour and tightly wound aromatics, displaying notes of dark berries, blackcurrants and spice. The palate is mouth coating and unctuous with massively powerful and deep fruit flowing across the tongue. Most impressively and crucially the fruit retains freshness and balance – the true Elephant on Roller Skates. Despite the opulence and weight the tannins are fine and the finish framed by fine tannins. Big Barossa done the Woods Crampton way. This wine will develop and gain character for many years to come.

