



**SPARTACUS
CABERNET SAUVIGNON,
MALBEC, SHIRAZ**
Langhorne Creek | 2016



For this inaugural vintage of Spartacus, our best parcels of Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec were selectively picked from low yielding old vines grown on premium dirt, just off the Angas River in Langhorne Creek. The three varieties were separately crushed, fermented and barrel-aged for approximately 18 months. The best barrels were then chosen in the winery and blended before bottling. Expect concentrated, bold flavours and great length. This is a classic blend, combining the richness and intensity of Shiraz, structure and great age-ability of Cabernet Sauvignon and powerful lift of Malbec. Cellar for 20 + years.

This is a jibe of the very best barrels across each variety and boy, does it strut. In a flashy way, mind you, employing impeccable tannin management from the alloyed grape tannins to the classy wood; optimally ripe fruit and plenty of varietal chutzpah with a whiff of salinity and herb. While far from subtle, this is an exercise in a warm climate blend that works very well; never straying into caricature.

NED GOODWIN
AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION 2018

Deep red/purple colour, with a perfumed bouquet showing talc and blackberry nuances. The palate is intense and bright, concentrated and yet also elegant, with some very ripe blackberry fruit flavours, a trace of bitterness, and tremendous length and mouthfilling generosity of flavour. A big, ripe wine - an impressive and delicious style.

HUON HOOKE
THE REAL REVIEW

Trophy Wine (2016 VINTAGE)
Six Nations Wine Challenge 2018

Gold / 5 Stars (2016 VINTAGE)
Winestate Magazine

95 points Gold / 5 Stars (2016 VINTAGE)
Halliday Wine Companion 2019
Huon Hooke, The Real Review

95 points Gold (2014 VINTAGE)
Halliday Wine Companion 2018

95 points (2014 VINTAGE)
Nick Butler

4 Stars (2014 VINTAGE)
Winestate Magazine

