

STAGE DOOR



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Stage Door Wine Co. has been the result of a long work-in-progress. A privately owned South Australian wine business, founded in 2013 by Graeme Thredgold, whose long history in both music and the brewing/wine industry inspired this range. SDWCo. takes the passion and flair of the music and wine industries, and combines them to produce a range of premium wines with individual expression of place and time! The fruit for the label is sourced entirely off the family owned vineyard in the Eden Valley, which was planted in 1996 to predominantly Riesling, Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon.

2015 FRONT & CENTRE SHIRAZ

REGION Eden Valley, South Australia | **ALCOHOL** 14.7% | **pH** 3.35 | **RESIDUAL SUGAR** 1.20

HARVESTED 8 April 2015 | **BOTTLED** 20 July 2016 | **TOTAL PRODUCTION** 18,274 bottles

The 2015 growing season started well with above average early winter rains that filled the soils and dams, however it was dry from then on. Temperatures were above average in spring allowing the vines to get away to a good healthy start.

The dry weather meant that when the night time temperature dipped there were again late season frosts, but thankfully not damaging at Avon Brae. Summer was generally mild with the exception of a few days of extreme heat after New Year that were associated with the outbreak of the Sampson Flat bushfires in the Adelaide Hills on 2 January. The damaging fires burned for 7 days in the Adelaide Hills and despite some anxious days, the fires were far enough away that they had no impact on the Eden Valley.

Thirty millimetres of rain on 8 January helped quell the fires and refreshed the vines. Near perfect ripening conditions followed leading into an earlier than usual harvest. The Grüner Veltliner was first to come off, handpicked by our extended family, Riesling and Viognier were next with it all picked by the second week of March. Shiraz and Cabernet ripened at the same time this year and were harvested around Easter.

2015 was a cracking vintage in pace, yield, and above all quality and is likely to surpass the 2002 vintage in greatness.

The 2015 Front and Centre Shiraz has an arrogant insistence on its station in life – the name says it all! Deep crimson-red is so appropriate, with white pepper and spice on the nose. The palate is a flood of dark fruit including satsuma plum and black cherry over soft tannins and lingering fruit sweetness. Why wait, drink it all now!

