

# STAGE DOOR



## WINE CO

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.

### 2016 HEADLINER CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**REGION** Eden Valley, Barossa | **ALCOHOL** 14.4% | **pH** 3.6 | **RESIDUAL SUGAR** 1.1

**HARVESTED** 30.03.16 | **BOTTLED** 24.11.17

**2016 VINTAGE NOTES** In a word, the 2016 growing season was dry! Rainfall was well below average through winter and spring and like 2015 there were many late season frosts - indeed at Avon Brae we had our latest frost in living memory on 12 December 2015. Again, like the two previous vintages, the region was devastated by a catastrophic bushfire - this time the Pinery fire burned 86,000 hectares of farming land adjacent to the Barossa from 25 November to 2 December and again the Eden Valley thankfully escaped unscathed which allowed us to lend a hand to our relatives at Freeling.

December and early January were warm, but rains at the end of January and early March were god sent and along with milder weather we eventually realised ideal ripening conditions leading up to vintage.

Harvest started early with some of the Riesling on 26 February and this year the Grüner Veltliner was late, coinciding with the last of the reds coming off in early April. The yields were above average for the whites and below average for the reds, but high quality across all varieties. It seems that the Eden Valley is able to handle almost anything that nature throws it way, and still come out on top!

The premium 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon is dense crimson, with mint and sweet vanilla over capsicum on the nose. Black cherry and plum fill the palate and delicate, yet dusty tannins create a beautiful "Cabernet" astringency that lingers and holds your attention adding to complexity. A ponderous wine that can be introspective, but maintains a view to the future - enjoy now or cellar with confidence.

