

CASA  
FRESCHI

*Wine with soul*

## 2015 CASA FRESCHI SYRAH

**VARIETY:** Syrah (100%)  
**REGION:** Langhorne Creek, South Australia  
**ALCOHOL:** 14.0%v/v  
**AVE VINE AGE:** 43 years  
**AVE YIELD:** 1.0 kg/vine (24hl/Ha)

### VINEYARD:

Casa Freschi Langhorne Creek vineyard located 4km north of Lake Alexandrina. The site possesses low vigour, deep calcareous soils with a mix of clay, sand, marl and limestone gravel. The low annual rainfall of 250mm is supplemented by the judicious use of fresh water irrigation from Lake Alexandrina. The close proximity to the lake and sea provides strong cooling winds, often arriving just after midday during the summer months. Autumns are usually sunny, cool, dry and calm, resulting in long ripening periods. The mean average growing season temp of 17.2C is comparable to Margaret River and Napa Valley. Grown without the use of synthetic fertilizers, fungicides, herbicides and pesticides. Hand pruned and hand harvested.



### WINEMAKING:

The fruit is hand-harvested into 8kg crates, 25% whole bunch fermented, 75% destemmed/whole berry fermented and by wild yeast in small open top fermenters, hand plunged, and macerated for an average of 3 to 4 weeks. It is then pressed directly into old French oak barriques where natural mlf takes place. The wine is then sulphured and left on its lees until the end of maturation when it is racked by gravity. No additives are used in its production except minimal sulphur dioxide.

### REFINEMENT:

18 months in seasoned French oak barriques  
Unfined and unfiltered.

**RRP/BOTTLE AUS:** \$55

**DATE OF BOTTLING:** 15 December 2016

### WINEMAKERS COMMENTS:

The 0.60 hectares of Syrah vines on the estate are a part of the 2.5 hectare original plantings by David's parents in 1972. This very special parcel of fruit has been an integral part of the Profondo blend, an homage to David's father Attilio, since its inaugural release in 1999, and remains so today.

For the very first time, a small portion of Syrah has been bottled separately.

The result is an gorgeously scented wine with violet, blueberry, white pepper, herbs and spice, deeply intense flavour and a lovely backbone of full, fine tannins enhanced by saline minerality.

### REVIEWS

"Elegant wine here. Though it says 14 percent on the bottle it feels more svelte, spicy and fine boned, and there's plenty of flavour packed in. I like the bouquet, redolent of exotic spice, briar, the red berries, and how it replicates in that silky glide across the palate. Lovely wine." **Rating 93** *Most outstanding new releases, Mike Bennie WBM Mar/Apr 2018.*