

ROCKFORD



BAROSSA

*"I have always lived in and feel most comfortable with the warm Mediterranean climate of the Barossa where grapes ripen easily. My preference is to make the wine by hand with traditional methods, attitude and equipment to produce rich, earthy, soft, generous wines that will age; the kind that I drank in my youth."*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert O'Callaghan". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a dark ink on a white background.

- Robert O'Callaghan Founder

## WHITE WINE

**2016 Eden Valley Riesling**                      **\$24.00** bottle   **\$288.00** dozen

The fruit for this wine is from vineyards that are mature, low yielding, hand pruned and hand-picked - helping to maintain our link with traditional viticultural practices. Most makers of Eden Valley Riesling release their wines in the same year the grapes are picked. Luckily Rockford is not run by accountants, so we prefer to release ours with the complexity, palate weight and softness that comes from holding this wine in our cellars for a year or two before release.

**2016 Local Growers Semillon**                      **\$23.50** bottle   **\$282.00** dozen

This wine faithfully reflects the contribution made by the Sibley and Kalleske families. Their skill and devotion to their soil helps give the Barossa its strength, stability and soul. Local Growers Semillon has the ability to age and is perfect slightly chilled with grilled seafood, fresh garden salads or with a roast Barossa chicken. A wine that invites itself to lunch.

**2018 White Frontignac**                      **\$20.00** bottle   **\$240.00** dozen

The versatility of this original Barossa variety has seen it survive over one hundred years of economic boom and bust, plus several changes in consumer taste. This aromatic wine is slightly sweet with a clean, crisp green apple finish and lends itself to accompanying dishes with a hint of Asian spices or a cheese and fruit platter.

## RED WINE

**2018 Alicante Bouchet**                      **\$21.50** bottle   **\$258.00** dozen

The exception to the rule! Rockford has always been dedicated to the traditional varieties of the Barossa, but for more than thirty years this unique red fleshed grape has allowed us to make an easy drinking, full flavoured, low alcohol Rosé style wine. Alicante Bouchet is at its best served chilled and enjoyed young.

**2017 Frugal Farmer**                      **\$23.50** bottle   **\$282.00** dozen

Grenache/Mataro/Alicante Bouschet

Each vintage when we make our Alicante Bouchet Rosé the skins are not used, so to preserve the Barossa tradition of frugality, we save these skins to co-ferment with early picked Grenache and Mataro. The addition of the Alicante Bouchet skins to the ferment gives tannin, spice and a vibrant colour to the wine. With its light body, lower alcohol and trademark spiciness, the Frugal Farmer marries well with a bowl of pasta, wood fired pizza or your next casual BBQ with friends.

**2015 Moppa Springs**                      **\$30.00** bottle   **\$360.00** dozen

Grenache/Mataro/Shiraz

Moppa Springs, Ebenezer and Kalimna are some of the driest areas in the Barossa. This wine allows us to use those regions' oldest varieties Grenache, Mataro and Shiraz. Fermented in our open slate tanks the juice is pumped over the skins several times a day to extract the full flavour, colour and body. The layers of savoury development already slowly emerging will ensure that this wine will enhance a wide range of Mediterranean food styles.

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## RED WINE

### **2015 Rod & Spur**

**\$38.00 bottle \$456.00 dozen**

Shiraz/Cabernet Sauvignon

Our blending of Shiraz and Cabernet is a return to the great Australian reds of the 1950's and 60's when Shiraz/Cabernet blends dominated the premium market. The name of this wine is our acknowledgement to the growers who spend the cold Barossa winters hand pruning in the traditional rod & spur method. Raise a glass in their honour as you enjoy a glass or two of this wine.

### **2016 Rifle Range Cabernet Sauvignon \$51.00 bottle \$306.00 6 bottles**

Most people would be unaware that Cabernet Sauvignon has been planted in the Barossa since at least 1888. Barossa Cabernets are rich, full flavoured wines and are a perfect fit into the Rockford stable. The fruit for this wine comes predominantly from vineyards along Rifle Range Road. The 'Biscay' soil of these vineyards is heavy clay, lending the wine its full flavour and earthy tones. The perfect wine to hide in your cellar, for as long as you are able.

### **2015 Basket Press Shiraz**

**Released 1st March 2019**

Produced with selected small parcels of old, dry grown Barossa Shiraz from nearly thirty of the Barossa's finest grape growing families. The vineyards are situated in different sub-regions throughout the Barossa, which adds to the complexity and depth of flavours. The wine is hand made using equipment from the turn of the last century, then aged in American and French oak for two years. All this contributes to our objective to make the very highest quality traditional, soft, deep coloured, earthy Australian red wine which will bottle age.

*Cellar Door only, 3 bottle allocation per customer*

### **Sparkling Black Shiraz Disgorged 2018 \$70.50 bottle \$211.50 3 bottles**

Unlike many of the newcomers, our Sparkling Black Shiraz uses the time-honoured method of ageing quality Shiraz in wood for many years prior to blending and bottle fermentation. The result is softness, depth and complex flavours that are impossible to duplicate in young wines. Sparkling Shiraz made like this is a keystone of Australia's wine heritage; Black Shiraz ensures that this very Australian wine, nurtured by generations of winemakers is never lost.

*Cellar Door only, 3 bottle allocation per customer*

## FORTIFIED WINE

### **2012 Shiraz VP**

**Released 1st May 2019**

This wine is made from a fully ripened parcel of fruit from the Mattschoss family vineyard, planted in 1945 in the Siegersdorf region of the Barossa. Fortified with a twelve year old, wood aged brandy spirit this wine is sweet, warm and spicy. Over time it will develop greater complexity, so will sit quietly in your cellar for years to come. When you do get around to pulling the cork your patience will be richly rewarded.

### **P.S. Marion Tawny**

**\$40.00 bottle \$240.00 6 bottles**

This wine is a small contribution to the Barossa's great tradition of producing outstanding aged fortified wines. The many years we allow the wine to age in small oak casks encourages the flavours to slowly concentrate and develop into a rich and luscious traditional Barossa Tawny. This blend has an average age of about fifteen years.

*The P.S. Marion Tawny is released as part of our ongoing support of the Paddle Steamer Marion. Every sip of this wine helps to put steam back into the boiler of one of the finest ships that ever plied the waters of the Murray River.*

