



19 Crimes.

THE BANISHED DARK RED 2016

Nineteen crimes turned criminal into colonists. Upon conviction, British rogues, guilty of at least one of the 19 crimes, were sentenced to live in Australia, rather than death. This punishment by 'transportation' began in 1788, and many of the lawless died at sea. For the rough-hewn prisoners who made it to shore, a new world awaited. As pioneers in a frontier penal colony, they forged a new country and new lives, brick by brick.

This wine is borne of the rules they broke and the culture they built. And like our legendary rogues, it's a taste that'll live forever in infamy.

Tasting Notes – The Banished Dark Red 2016

Colour: Dark red shrouded by purple hues. Nose: Intense lifted dark chocolate and vanilla aromatics balanced with blackberry and plum fruits. Palate: Full and round on the palate with a distinct sweetness making the wine rich and mouth coating. The dark chocolate and vanilla aromatics carry through on the palate and compliment subtle flavours of cloves and cinnamon spice. The palate has a long rich plush finish brooding with dark forest fruits.

Vintage Conditions

A warm, dry spring resulted in slightly reduced yields, however the vines adapted well. Rains in January caused little damage and provided much-needed water following a dry start to the season. The following cool, dry February weather, and warm conditions in early March, created ideal conditions for steady, even ripening. Overall, 2016 was considered an exceptional vintage producing wines full of flavour, balanced with natural acidity and ripe tannins.

Technical Analysis

Vineyard Region: South Eastern Australia

Harvest Date: March 2016

pH: 3.56

Acidity: 6.2g/L

Alcohol: 13.5% w/v

Maturation: 100% American Oak

Sugar: 12.0 g/L

Bottling Date: August 2016

Peak Drinking: Now - 2020

Grape Variety: Shiraz dominant with finishes of Cabernet Sauvignon and Grenache

