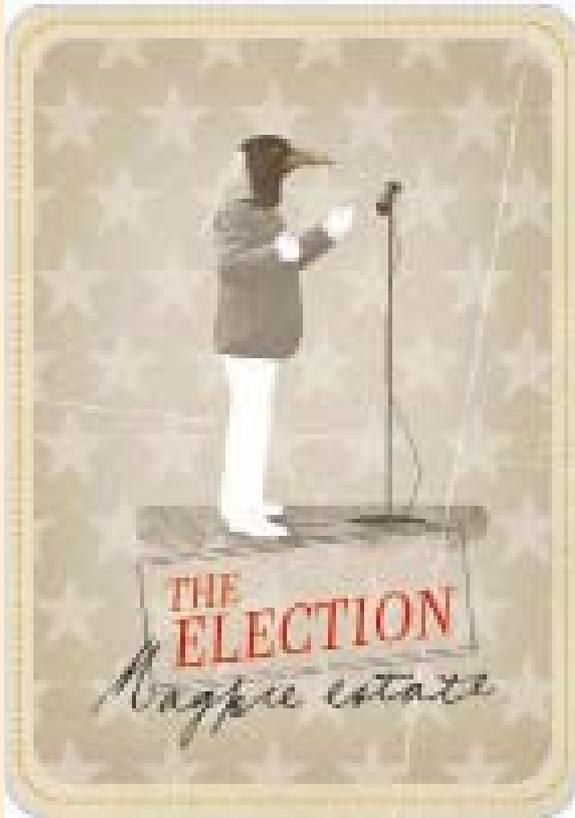


'The Election' Shiraz 2016



The Election is only made in the very best years, with the previous release being the 2010. The selection process for the Election begins with choosing fruit from the best vineyards and continues in the winery with rigorous barrel tasting to ensure that only the finest lots of the vintage make the final blend.

2016 was an exceptional vintage, with warm days and cool nights allowing fruit to ripen with great flavour and balance. There was also a lack of late season heat, enabling excellent ripening at a more favourable pace.

The fruit for this release was sourced from 3 Barossa vineyards - 2 in the Western Ridge sub region, with one barrel of Eden Valley Shiraz included in the blend for complexity. The wine was aged for 22 months in a combination of 300 litre Hogsheads and 475 litre Puncheons. The blend ended up being all new oak barrels with 75% French and 25% American.

This wine displays a deep colour with a powerful nose. It's a voluptuous rich Barossa Shiraz, with dark berry and plum fruit, lots of spice, some plain chocolate and toasty mocha oak. Long and well balanced, made to age, but has a hedonistic appeal that will mean it drinks on release. It's big and opulent but not overpowering.

GRAPE VARIETIES:

100% Shiraz

REGION: Barossa Valley

ALCOHOL: 14% Vol

ACIDITY: 6.78g/l

pH: 3.49

Food Matching: Like all Magpie Estate wines we believe in drinkability and versatility. This full-bodied red really needs rich food. Drink with aged fillet steak, venison and rich casseroles. It demands fine red meat to show its true colours.

Ageing Potential: The 2016 Election can be enjoyed young, but to really drink this release at its best, open from 2020 or cellar happily for 10+ years.

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