

Wild & Wilder



## The Pugilist Cabernet Sauvignon, Langhorne Creek 2016

Sometimes you've got to stick up for yourself... Fight for what is right in this world and uphold some good old fashioned values. Of course, one must always retain ones manners and obey the rules just ask the Pugilist. He's powerful, thick-skinned but well-bred and with the manners and sense of fair play of a true gent.

### Vintage Conditions

As has become the norm, Vintage 2016 was anything but normal. Early bud-burst followed by a dry Spring suggested that this was going to be another El Nino influenced year. Very late frosts in the Hills followed by very warm weather in January confused the situation but by late January it was clear that this would be an early vintage. Langhorne Creek, being cooler than its more northerly neighbours, was able to ripen fruit gradually and fully, resulting in an excellent vintage.

### Winemaking

Precise varietal expression and balance are what we seek to achieve and so picking time is of utmost importance. We pick just as flavours are approaching their peak rather than let them get over-ripe. We retain whole berries in the ferment for vibrancy and we press relatively early to avoid astringent tannins.

Alcohol: 14.5%

Total Acidity: 5.3

pH: 3.67

Residual Sugar: .2g/l

SO<sub>2</sub>: 75mg/l

Fining: None

Vegan: Yes

Vegetarian: Yes