

# THE STEADING BLANC 2018



T O R B R E C K

BAROSSA VALLEY



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IT COMES AS NO SURPRISE TO FIND THAT NON-TRADITIONAL BAROSSAN VARIETIES SUCH AS ROUSSANNE, MARSANNE AND VIOGNIER, HAVE ADAPTED AS WELL TO THEIR NEW HOME AS THEIR RED COUNTERPARTS HAVE DONE OVER THE LAST CENTURY OR SO

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Inspired by the rich, luscious and mineral scented dry whites of the Rhône Valley, The Steading - Blanc is sourced entirely from the Descendant Vineyard on Roennfeldt Road first planted in 1994 on the Torbreck estate.

The ripe, fleshy, barrel fermented Viognier and Marsanne gives the palate a textural edge whilst the Roussanne contributes it's more flinty and austere personality.

<b>VARIETY:</b>	50% Roussanne 30% Marsanne 20% Viognier
<b>VINEYARD:</b>	Descendant Vineyard, planted in 1994
<b>SUB-REGION:</b>	Marananga
<b>HARVEST:</b>	23 February to 21 March 2018
<b>MATURATION:</b>	Roussanne racked to tank Marsanne and Viognier underwent a slow, indigenous fermentation and rested on fine lees for 5 months in seasoned French oak barriques
<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	Alc/Vol 13.5% pH 3.31 Acidity 5.00g/L
<b>COLOUR:</b>	Light Straw
<b>AROMA:</b>	Fragrant, floral with underlying roasted nuts and citrus tones
<b>PALATE:</b>	Medium bodied, gentle texture on the mid palate and fine driving acidity
<b>CELLAR:</b>	From release to 3 years

## VINTAGE

An above average winter rainfall led into a below average spring and summer rainfall, producing small bunches and small berries, leading to a reduced yield. Quality was certainly high, particular amongst our red varieties of Shiraz, Grenache and Mataro. 2018 wines will be remembered for their impressive colour, structure and longevity.

## TASTING

Fragrant aromas of acacia flowers, roasted nuts and buttered citrus are neatly balanced with underlying hints of bees wax and minerality. Medium to full-bodied with a lovely creaminess that lends texture to the opulent fruit, it is invigorated by a lively line of acid and a long, spicy finish. The Steading - Blanc is a seamless wine with a silken texture that can be enjoyed with a rich crustacean based sauce and anything from the sea.