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# **BAROSSA BOY**

## **AUSTRALIA**

### **EXCLUSIVE TO CORNEY & BARROW IN THE UK**

What do you do when you are the sixth generation of a Barossa winemaking dynasty looking to make your mark? Get out of the wine trade and do something entirely different? Stay in those ancestral shadows making the classic styles of the region?

...Or, like Trent Burge, founder of Barossa Boy wines, reinvent and put your own spin on the wines you love so much.

Trent is Barossa through and through. His great-great-great grandfather, John Burge, moved to South Australia from Wiltshire in 1855 and soon began working as a winemaker. Every generation since has followed, so winemaking is undoubtedly ingrained in the Burge DNA.

Involved in every aspect of grape growing and winemaking, Trent learnt the trade quite literally from the ground up. Having grown up on the Barossa land, riding bikes around the vineyards, he joined the family business (Grant Burge Wines) in 2006, where his passion for winemaking intensified. In 2016 he felt it was time to create his own label, to make wines that show a contemporary approach to the region, and Barossa Boy was born.

Trent's winemaking philosophy is born out of a respect for his forebears and a devotion to finding the ultimate expression of Barossa's signature varieties. He sees himself as a custodian of the land, creatively reinterpreting its fruit for his generation. His ultimate mission is to make serious Barossa Valley wines that are accessible, with an injection of freshness. The labels may be playful, but there are no gimmicks here. Each wine is deeply personal and represents a part of Trent's life that he wants to share with as many as possible.

We have secured an extremely limited quantity of Barossa Boy's flagship wine "Lifeblood Shiraz" and the unique "Young Wisdom Mataro", which are offered alongside two new staples of the Corney & Barrow portfolio – Double Trouble Shiraz Cabernet and Little Tacker GSM.

### **The 2016 Vintage**

The 2016 vintage was so great, the opportunity to use this as the inaugural vintage for Barossa Boy was too good to be missed.

The growing season began with a warm, dry spring, providing good conditions for flowering and fruit set. Warmer than average spring and summer temperatures then led to excellent vine and bunch growth. Rainfall was 338mm, less than the long term average, but it came at the right time, during the relatively mild January, ensuring the grapes ripened evenly and without undue stress.

The resulting harvest yielded a satisfactory crop size, of very high quality. Berries were small, with intense flavour and colour, along with ripe tannins and well-balanced natural acidity.

## LIFEBLOOD SHIRAZ 2016



*“The flavours explode onto the palate and then smash into a rock strewn shore of tannin. It’s a brute of a wine.”*

**95 Points | Campbell Mattinson, Winefront**

Shiraz has long been known as Barossa’s lifeblood and Trent has fond memories of family meals, when his father would dust off bottles of luscious aged Shiraz. These rich rewards, from a hard day’s work in the vineyards, astounded him with their ability to morph and take on a whole new life decades later.

“The 2016 Lifeblood Shiraz is made to be a blockbuster” says Trent. It’s a love letter to his home, his heritage and those glorious long-lived bottles. The grapes are selected from the very best parcels of fruit from 80 year old vines, so the wine will only be made in tiny quantities, with production in just the best vintages.

Mocha and ripe black fruit on the nose, the palate has a surge of smashed blackberries and fresh plums followed by waves of sweet spice, dark chocolate and leather from the 22 months in mixed French and American barrels. It is lavishly concentrated, but propped up by layers of fine but firm tannins, concluding with Trent’s trademark fresh finish. A bold wine in every sense, which will reward cellaring, providing increasing complexity and intrigue throughout its life.

### RECOMMENDED DRINKING FROM 2019 TO 2030+

**£210 PER CASE OF 6 BOTTLES, IB UK – 20 CASES AVAILABLE. ARRIVING SPRING/SUMMER 2020**

**£90 PER CASE OF 1 X 150CL MAGNUM (IN WOODEN BOX), IB UK**

**£180 PER CASE OF 1 X 300CL DOUBLE MAGNUM (IN WOODEN BOX), IB UK**

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## LITTLE TACKER GSM 2016

**93 points | Australia’s Wine Business Magazine**

Fun, fresh and fruit-forward ... but, “like every good Little Tacker, it has a dark side” jokes Trent.

A blend of the traditional grape varieties the Barossa Valley is renowned for - Grenache, Syrah and Mataro, it recalls Trent’s adventurous childhood, with the Little Tacker fearlessly forging bike tracks through the vineyards and generally making mischief.

Aromas of fresh raspberry, lavender and milk chocolate. The palate is generous and textured with lively fruits of the forest giving way to earthy notes of dark chocolate, toasty vanilla and spicy cloves. It is the ultimate Barossa wine blend and encapsulates Trent’s zealous passion for his homeland.



### RECOMMENDED DRINKING FROM 2019 TO 2022

**£85 PER CASE OF 6 BOTTLES, IB UK**

## YOUNG WISDOM MATARO 2016



*“Deep, dark, soulful”*

**93 points | *The Vinsomniac, Stuart Robinson***

“Shiraz is the famous wine that everyone knows, but Mataro [known as Mourvedre in most other countries] is the backbone of the Barossa” says Trent. It is usually blended with other grapes, such as Shiraz and Grenache - see Little Tacker below for a case in point. However, as 2016 was such an outstanding vintage for Mataro, Trent wanted to shine a spotlight on this lesser-known variety.

As a child he always marvelled at the impossibly ancient and tangled Mataro vines that continued to bear fruit each year. Now, Trent’s respect for the old wisdom of these plants has transformed the grapes of this quiet achiever into a unique wine that will only be produced in exceptional vintages.

Matured in large one year old French oak barrels, Young Wisdom has lifted aromatics of liquorice, lavender and tobacco which beautifully counterpoint the palate’s heady, dark core. Bursting blueberry and black pastille flavours give way to baking spices and violets, wrapped around Mataro’s hearty structure.

**RECOMMENDED DRINKING FROM 2019 TO 2025+**

**£135 PER CASE OF 6 BOTTLES, IB UK - 4 CASES AVAILABLE. ARRIVING SPRING/SUMMER 2020**

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## DOUBLE TROUBLE SHIRAZ CABERNET 2016

**94 points | *James Halliday Wine Companion Magazine***

Not just a tribute to two key regional varieties, this wine is a link to Trent’s recent past when he played cricket seasons in England, returning home to help with the Barossa harvest, leading a ‘double life’ of endless summers. This is his homage to the quintessential Aussie red blend. 50% brash and juicy Shiraz from the Barossa Valley Floor, with 50% elegant and fresh Cabernet Sauvignon from cooler-climate Eden Valley.

Aromas of dark chocolate and raspberry blend with earthy, forest floor notes. Opulent blackcurrant meets subtle spearmint on the palate, together with toasty oak, silky tannins and vibrant redcurrant on the finish. It truly highlights Trent’s skill in breathing new life into the classics.



**RECOMMENDED DRINKING FROM 2019 TO 2026**

**£85 PER CASE OF 6 BOTTLES, IB UK**

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