



# HOLLICK

—THE BARD—

## SHIRAZ 2016

The BARD range celebrates the work of Australia's best-known lyric poet John Shaw Neilson who was raised in the cottage on the Hollick Neilson's Block vineyard. Revered by his peers in the world of literature, Neilson was born in Penola in 1872, and it is thought that much of the imagery in his poetry was conjured up during his childhood experiences in the bush and wetlands around Coonawarra.

The long mild growing season in the Limestone Coast provides an ideal climate for Shiraz. Vintage 2016 was early, with a warmer October advancing the whole season, such that flowering, veraison (start of ripening), and harvest dates were all a couple of weeks early. Despite the early season, the time taken for berry development and ripening were in line with normal, allowing adequate time for fruit to develop tannins and complexity.

The fruit was picked at optimum ripeness and carefully handled to retain the flavours achieved in the vineyard. The combination of the luscious fruit flavours from Wrattenbully shiraz combined with the more restrained berry flavours of Coonawarra fruit along with the spiciness typical of the variety, has produced an elegant wine so in keeping with the Hollick Bard style. It makes this wine an excellent accompaniment to food.

Region	Limestone Coast – 67% Wrattenbully, 33% Coonawarra
Varietal Composition	Shiraz
Appearance	Deep magenta
Aromas	Lifted dark berry characters with a hint of cinnamon.
Flavours	Rich red fruits dominate the palate and are complemented by some luscious and velvety tannins
Technical Details	Alcohol 14.5% pH 3.5 TA 5.4 g/L Bottled January 2018
Cellaring	5-8 years
Food Matching	Herb Crusted Rack of Lamb

