

# H E S K E T H

## THE PROTAGONIST

2005 Barossa Valley Shiraz

"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I – I took the one less travelled by.  
And that has made all the difference." – Robert Frost, The Road Not Taken.



During a fleeting half century in the global wine community, the Hesketh family has always followed the path less travelled by. As a result our winemaking philosophy is somewhat different. We only produce wines from the most celebrated grape varieties, from only the most acclaimed regions for producing those varieties, wherever they may be, anywhere in the world.

### Production Notes

Fruit sourced from mature low yielding mature vineyards (approx. 40 years old) located on the northern (Kalimna & Ebenezer) and western (Seppeltsfield.) sub regions of the Barossa Valley.

Fruit is picked at full ripeness, with individual parcels matched to a selection of new, one and two year old American Oak where it was matured for 20 months prior to bottling.

The Protagonist was bottled with minimal filtration to maintain intensity of colour, structure and flavour.

### Tasting Notes

**Colour:** Deep ruby red with purple hues.

**Aroma:** Powerful dark berry fruits, mocha, cedar, dark chocolate and plums.

**Palate:** Rich and ripe, with sweet blackberries combined with chocolate and licorice. Powerful fruit is balanced neatly with natural acidity to provide an element of restraint and elegance to the finish. Thinking man's Barossa Valley shiraz.

**Food Match:** Any red meats or full flavoured cheeses.

**Cellaring Potential:** 8 to 10 years.

### Analysis

Alcohol: 14.2%      TA: 6.7 g/L

