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# HENTLEY FARM THE MARL CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2014

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## Wine Introduction

In our favourite northwestern section of the Barossa Valley, the red clay loam over marl (a friable soil deposit consisting of clay & limestone) produces the perfect balance between vine stress and availability of nutrients. This combined with the consistent climatic conditions produces red wines of the highest quality.

## Tasting Notes

Classical Cabernet aromatics of blackberry and blackcurrant lead the way with sage, mint and hints of rosemary also intermingled through the nose. Vibrant plummy fruit combines with a complex spice element, expect soft even tannin throughout.

## Winemaker Vinification Notes

“The Cabernet grapes were harvested early from a well-shaded canopy to ensure retention of classic Cabernet leaf and plush herbal characters, and fermentation temperatures were kept cool to further aid this varietal definition. Malolactic fermentation in seasoned oak and a total maturation period of 10 months. No fining or filtration.”  
– Winemaker, Andrew Quin

## Winemaker Vintage Notes

2014 – Solid rainfall through June and July filled the soil profile and irrigation dams of Eden Valley thus providing a great start to the growing season. This was followed by an extremely dry and hot spring combined with unusually high winds at flowering. These challenging conditions continued on through summer until the middle of February when a significant rainfall event signalled the end of summer and a return to mild days. This last minute reprieve from the heat was critical for the vintage, resulting in slowed ripening and therefore increased opportunity for flavour development. One of the most unique Barossa vintages in recent history, and in my opinion will prove to be one of Hentley Farm’s best.

## Wine Information

<b>Country:</b>	Australia
<b>Region:</b>	Barossa Valley
<b>Winemaker:</b>	Andrew Quin
<b>Grape:</b>	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.0%
<b>Total Acidity:</b>	6.70g/L
<b>pH:</b>	3.70
<b>Closure:</b>	Screwcap
<b>Bottle Size:</b>	75cl
<b>Case Size:</b>	6 Bottles per pack

## Awards

2014 - 91 Points - James Halliday

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2013 - 91 Points - James Halliday

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2012 - 92 Points - James Halliday

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