

# HENTLEY FARM THE MARL CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2016



## 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

2016 – “A dry winter and early spring was relieved by 60mm of rain in the first week of November. Consistently warm conditions through late spring and early summer provided ideal ripening conditions with no disease pressure, also bringing expected harvest dates forward. Persistent heat through December and most of January were also followed by a 60mm rain event in the last week of January followed by a long spell of mild temperatures providing the vines with some much needed respite, slowing sugar ripening down and thus providing increased flavour development. Harvest dates mostly returned to normality and the balance of seed and flavour ripeness was the best I have seen since 2010.” – Winemaker, Andrew Quin

## 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

2016 - 90 Points - James Halliday
2014 - 91 Points - James Halliday
2013 - 91 Points - James Halliday
2012 - 92 Points - James Halliday