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# HENTLEY FARM THE MARL GRENACHE 2015

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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

Strawberries and green peppercorn are the main elements on the nose with boot leather and cigar box playing a supporting role. These aromas are mirrored on the front and middle of the palate before dominant red fruit takes over through the back creating great length. Tannins are prominent up front and soft and even through the middle.

## Winemaker Vinification Notes

Grenache grapes were sourced from a single vineyard in our favourite northwestern section of the Barossa Valley. The grapes were harvested early to provide bright aromatics and a soft, succulent palate. Minimal intervention winemaking allows the fruit to speak for itself. The wine was bottled early to capture its vibrancy.

## Winemaker Vintage Notes

2015 – “Heavy rainfall in June and early July provided an exciting start to the season but was followed by dry conditions throughout spring and early summer, resulting in budburst and flowering up to three weeks early. These dry conditions were tempered by cooler periods through December and the first half of January. A rainfall incident of 70mm in mid-January pushed sugars back and was followed by perfect warm ripening conditions with 30-32°C days and cool nights down to 10°C persisting for 2 weeks. These conditions resulted in a fast late ripening curve that has produced rich vibrant fruit throughout.”  
– Winemaker, Andrew Quin

## Wine Information

<b>Country:</b>	Australia
<b>Region:</b>	Barossa Valley
<b>Winemaker:</b>	Andrew Quin
<b>Grape:</b>	100% Grenache
<b>Alcohol:</b>	13.5%
<b>Total Acidity:</b>	6.00g/L
<b>pH:</b>	3.50
<b>Closure:</b>	Screwcap
<b>Bottle Size:</b>	75cl
<b>Case Size:</b>	6 Bottles per pack

## Awards

2015 - 93 Points - James Halliday  
2014 - 94 Points - James Halliday  
2012 - 92 Points - James Halliday