

# HENTLEY FARM THE MARL GRENACHE 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

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

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. Warmth through December and most of January was followed by a 60mm rain event in the last week of January, This, along with a long spell of mild temperatures provided the vines with some relief. The result was a slowing of sugar ripening 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% 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

2016 - 96 Points - James Halliday
2015 - 93 Points - James Halliday
2014 - 94 Points - James Halliday
2012 - 92 Points - James Halliday