

HENTLEY FARM THE MARL SHIRAZ 2014



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

Satsuma plum and red cherry dominate this vibrant nose with some bramble fruit and green peppercorn also present. Grippy tannins line the front of the palate providing outstanding mouth feel and length. Expect rich fruit and masculine tannins throughout.

Winemaker Vinification Notes

"Each parcel of fruit was kept separate, crushed and left on skins to ferment for between 6-12 days. 2-3 open pump-overs/day were used to ensure a full and balanced tannin profile. The wine completed malolactic fermentation in new American oak (10%) and seasoned French oak barrels (90%), a total maturation period of 10 months. No fining or filtration was used in the production of this wine." – 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

Country:	Australia
Region:	Barossa Valley
Winemaker:	Andrew Quin
Grape:	100% Shiraz
Alcohol:	14.5%
Total Acidity:	6.40g/L
pH:	3.62
Closure:	Screwcap
Bottle Size:	75cl
Case Size:	6 Bottles per pack

Awards

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