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# HENTLEY FARM ESTATE STRAY MONGREL 2015

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## Wine Introduction

The Grenache and Zinfandel vines are located on the eastern facing slope of our vineyard. When founder Keith Hentschke purchased the property, this block was a quarry, and today the shallow soil profile overlaying the quarry limestone reduces the natural vigour of the vine, allowing vibrancy and intensity to shine in the fruit. The Shiraz is selected from an elevated block with a westerly aspect on the western side of the creek.

## Tasting Notes

Traditional aromatics of Strawberries and Raspberries are joined by alluring aromatics of Rose petal, Turkish delight and an underlying stone fruit lift. Soft even tannin manages to fill every crevice of the palate, providing the framework for a flavour profile of luscious red fruits and a savoury finish.

## Winemaker Vinification Notes

"The majority of both Grenache and Shiraz parcels went through an extended maceration, with a total of 50 days on skins. The wines were pressed out to a combination of old French (70%) and American (30%) barrels where they underwent natural malolactic fermentation before being racked off lees and returned to oak to mature for a total of 8 months." – Winemaker, Andrew Quin

## Winemaker Vintage Notes

2015 – "Heavy rainfall in June and early July provided an exciting start to the season but was followed by extremely dry conditions throughout spring and early summer resulting in budburst and flowering up to 3 weeks early. Although these dry conditions were a concern it was somewhat tempered by cool conditions 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>	57% Grenache, 39% Shiraz, 4% Zinfandel
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.7%
<b>Total Acidity:</b>	5.90g/L
<b>pH:</b>	3.66
<b>Closure:</b>	Screwcap
<b>Bottle Size:</b>	75cl
<b>Case Size:</b>	6 Bottles per pack

## Awards

2015 - 96 Points - James Halliday
2014 - 94 Points - James Halliday
2013 - 94 Points - James Halliday
2010 - 93 Points - James Halliday