

# HENTLEY FARM ESTATE STRAY MONGREL 2016



## 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

Extremely lifted and pretty nose with an abundance of aromatics including rose petal, turkish delight, red berries, wild fennel and pepper. The flavours provide a mirror image of the aromatics with the extended maceration tannins providing a persistent savoury edge which balances the intense fruits. Soft, full, silky and complex!

## Winemaker Vinification Notes

"The majority of both Grenache and Shiraz parcels went through an extended maceration, with a total of 45 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

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>	59% Grenache, 37% Shiraz, 4% Zinfandel
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.5%
<b>Total Acidity:</b>	6.20g/L
<b>pH:</b>	3.54
<b>Closure:</b>	Screwcap
<b>Bottle Size:</b>	75cl
<b>Case Size:</b>	6 Bottles per pack

## Awards

2016 - 95 Points - James Halliday

2015 - 96 Points - James Halliday

2014 - 94 Points - James Halliday

2013 - 94 Points - James Halliday

2010 - 93 Points - James Halliday