

# HENTLEY FARM OLD LEGEND GRENACHE 2018



## WINE INTRODUCTION

Grenache wines of various styles and blends have been produced in the Barossa for over 150 years. The 'Old Legend' pays homage to the Barossa Grenache, allowing the natural style of this varietal to shine. Light yet vibrant in colour, with pretty yet complex aromas and an elegant yet textural palate.

## WINEMAKER VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

Good things come to those who wait". Nearly everything about the 2018 vintage happened more slowly than usual and we will be rewarded with wines showing a perfect mix of power and elegance. Although we had to wait until July for rains to arrive, the 2017 calendar year rainfall was a once-in-a-30-year event. The long-term weather pattern of two above average rainfall years being followed by a relatively dry year, was seemingly broken, as although we were expecting dryer conditions, we received 120mm above average rainfall, with a total of 599mm. Beautiful spring conditions saw healthy canopies of leaf cover across the vineyard enabling the vines to handle the hot summer with 20 days of above 35°C across January and February. After Budburst in late September and veraison coming a month late in some cases, the extended ripening period was perfect. Harvest returned to the dates of early the 2000's, spread over an 8-week period. Slow ripening and harvest has seen the production of wines that show a perfect mix of power and elegance with vibrant colours and powerful fruit.

## WINEMAKING NOTES

Fermentation: 65% De-stemmed | 35% whole bunch ferment | 40% extended maceration for 45 days

Oak: French - 100% seasoned barrels | natural malolactic fermentation | 8 months maturation.

## APPEARANCE, AROMA AND TASTING NOTE

Aromas are reminiscent of Turkish delight, strawberry, nutmeg, lavender flower and peppercorn. The body is deceptively full with even tannins, and the flavour profile is savoury. The texture is complex and smooth.

## WINE INFORMATION

Country:	Australia
Region:	Barossa
Sub Region:	Seppeltsfield
Wine Type:	Red Wine
Producer:	Hentley Farm
Wine Name:	Old Legend Grenache
Vintage:	2018
Principle Grape (%):	Grenache (100)
Closure:	Screwcap
Vegetarian Wine:	Yes
Vegan Wine:	Yes
ABV (%):	14.50
Acid (g/L):	6.40
pH:	3.48
Winemaker Name:	Andrew Quin
Bottle Size:	75cl
Case/Pack Size:	6x75cl

## WINE AWARDS

James Suckling:	93 points
James Halliday:	95 points