

HENTLEY FARM THE BEAST SHIRAZ 2017



WINE INTRODUCTION

Like the fabled character, the Beast is big and bold, yet has a beautiful soft side...Selected from a single block high on the hill, where the soils are shallow and the sunlight is even, you can expect the Beast to exhibit great concentration of flavour and richness, with soft grippy tannins.

WINEMAKER VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

The 2016 calendar year leading up to the 2017 vintage produced the wettest winter for 20 years! This rainfall and associated cooler weather conditions resulted in a delightful slow development across the growing season with flowering and subsequent fruit set 2-3 weeks later than recent vintages. Warm and consistent conditions followed with vines balanced and happy heading towards Christmas. A return to cool weather and rainfall continued the trend of slow development with veraison kicking off 4 weeks later than expected. After one last summer drop of 50mm in early February we got the weather we were looking for with dry conditions and good ripening throughout harvest. The vintage conditions have created outstanding flavour development and natural acidity with the resulting wines showing great

WINEMAKING NOTES

Fermentation: De-stemmed | Left on skins for 8-10 days | Slow ferment at 18-22°C | Open pump-overs and hand plunging | Basket pressed

Oak: French - 60% new, 40% seasoned | Natural malolactic fermentation | 22 months maturation.

APPEARANCE, AROMA AND TASTING NOTE

Rich forest berries combined with dark chocolate and black olive on the nose. The palate is powerful and robust, and features prominent tannins and exceptional length.

WINE INFORMATION

Country:	Australia
Region:	Barossa
Sub Region:	Seppeltsfield
Wine Type:	Red Wine
Producer:	Hentley Farm
Wine Name:	The Beast Shiraz
Vintage:	2017
Principle Grape (%):	Shiraz (100)
Closure:	Cork
Vegetarian Wine:	Yes
Vegan Wine:	Yes
ABV (%):	15.00
Acid (g/L):	7.00
pH:	3.55
Winemaker Name:	Andrew Quin
Bottle Size:	75cl
Case/Pack Size:	6x75cl

WINE AWARDS

James Halliday:	95 points
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