

HENTLEY FARM THE BEAUTY SHIRAZ 2016



WINE INTRODUCTION

The Beauty block is grown at the lowest point of the Hentley Farm vineyard, directly on the banks of Greenock Creek. The western aspect results in a shaded morning; the low topographical position is where cool air settles; and the large gum trees surrounding the block create significant barriers to air movement, so cool air remains present well into the morning. This results in early morning air temperatures 2-3 degrees cooler than the higher Shiraz blocks.

WINEMAKER VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

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

WINEMAKING NOTES

Shiraz and wet Viognier skins (3%) were combined at the weighbridge, destemmed only, and transferred to their fermentation vessel. A combination of inoculated and natural yeast strains performed the fermentation. After an initial temperature spike, 1/3 of the wine was sent to oak for fermentation off skins. The balance was chilled and returned over the skins where a minimal pump-over regime (1-2/day) was employed to ensure the softness of palate for which The Beauty is known. It was then basket pressed to a combination of new (40%) and old French barrels where it underwent natural malolactic fermentation. The wine spent a total of 18 months maturation in oak. No fining or filtration were used in the production of this wine.

APPEARANCE, AROMA AND TASTING NOTE

Peach, apricot and florals provide the lift while surrounded by blue and red fruits, white pepper and peaty earth sitting further in the background. This complex combination of flavours continues onto the palate with the blue/red fruits playing the leading role. Bright acid and tannin drive provide great focus down the middle, bright fruits providing the framework. Soft, expressive and complex.

WINE INFORMATION

Country:	Australia
Region:	Barossa
Sub Region:	Seppeltsfield
Wine Type:	Red Wine
Producer:	Hentley Farm
Wine Name:	The Beauty Shiraz
Vintage:	2016
Principle Grape (%):	Shiraz (97)
Secondary Grape (%):	Viognier (3)
Closure:	Cork
Vegetarian Wine:	Yes
Vegan Wine:	Yes
ABV (%):	14.50
Acid (g/L):	6.40
pH:	3.60
Winemaker Name:	Andrew Quin
Bottle Size:	75cl
Case/Pack Size:	6x75cl

WINE AWARDS

Decanter:	90 points
James Suckling:	93 points
James Halliday:	90 points