

HENTLEY FARM THE MARL CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2017



WINE INTRODUCTION

In the North Western section of the Barossa Valley, the red clay loam over marl (a friable earthy deposit consisting of clay and limestone) produces the highest quality red wines. These soils provide the perfect balance of nutrient availability and vine stress, producing wines with saturated colour and fruit intensity.

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 poise and balance.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The Cabernet grapes were harvested early from a well shaded canopy to ensure retention of classic Cabernet leaf and plush herbal characters, and fermentation temperatures were kept cool to further aid this varietal definition. Malolactic fermentation in seasoned oak and a total maturation period of 10 months. No fining or filtration.

APPEARANCE, AROMA AND TASTING NOTE

Plum and blackberry aromatics combine with a strong mint and tea leaf lift. The palate shows blue fruits, a surprising earthy/savoury influence and the presence of tight grained tannins throughout.

WINE INFORMATION

Country:	Australia
Region:	Barossa
Sub Region:	Barossa Valley
Wine Type:	Red Wine
Producer:	Hentley Farm
Wine Name:	The Marl Cabernet Sauvignon
Vintage:	2017
Principle Grape (%):	Cabernet Sauvignon (100)
Closure:	Screwcap
Vegetarian Wine:	Yes
Vegan Wine:	Yes
ABV (%):	14.50
Acid (g/L):	6.30
pH:	3.68
Winemaker Name:	Andrew Quin
Bottle Size:	75cl
Case/Pack Size:	6x75cl

WINE AWARDS

James Halliday:	89 points
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