

HENTLEY FARM THE MARL CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018



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

Every growing season really starts in winter and June 2017 had us all feeling very nervous about what lay ahead for the 2018 vintage, with almost no rainfall recorded for the month! Fortunately the weather gods were on our side after that with good falls through August and September filling the soil profile and providing a great launching pad for budburst. On the 2nd December we had our last rain with a total calendar year volume of 599mm, 120mm above long term average. Standard summer conditions then took over with warm temperatures and little rainfall throughout. The delay in development continued with veraison one month later than recent years resulting in a return to harvest dates more common in the early 2000's. Slow ripening and harvest have resulted in the production of wines that show a perfect mix of power and elegance with vibrant colours and impressive, lingering fruit.

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

Dark blueberry and blackberry aromatics mingle with a slight mint lift. The palate is a classic example of Barossa Cabernet with density, rich fruit and grippy 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:	2018
Principle Grape (%):	Cabernet Sauvignon (100)
Closure:	Screwcap
Vegetarian Wine:	Yes
Vegan Wine:	Yes
ABV (%):	14.50
Acid (g/L):	7.40
pH:	3.52
Winemaker Name:	Andrew Quin
Bottle Size:	75cl
Case/Pack Size:	6x75cl

WINE AWARDS

James Halliday:	89 points
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