

HENTLEY FARM THE MARL GRENACHE 2016



WINE INTRODUCTION

In our favourite northwestern section of the Barossa Valley, the red clay loam over marl (a friable soil deposit consisting of clay & limestone) produces the perfect balance between vine stress and availability of nutrients. This combined with the consistent climatic conditions produces red wines of the highest quality.

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

Grenache grapes were sourced from a single vineyard in our favourite northwestern section of the Barossa Valley. The grapes were harvested early to provide bright aromatics and a soft, succulent palate. Minimal intervention winemaking allows the fruit to speak for itself. The wine was bottled early to capture its vibrancy.

APPEARANCE, AROMA AND TASTING NOTE

Strawberries and green peppercorn are the main elements on the nose with boot leather and cigar box playing a supporting role. These aromas are mirrored on the front and middle of the palate before dominant red fruit takes over through the back creating great length. Tannins are prominent up front and soft and even through the middle.

WINE INFORMATION

Country:	Australia
Region:	Barossa
Sub Region:	Barossa Valley
Wine Type:	Red Wine
Producer:	Hentley Farm
Wine Name:	The Marl Grenache
Vintage:	2016
Principle Grape (%):	Grenache (100)
Closure:	Screwcap
Vegetarian Wine:	Yes
Vegan Wine:	Yes
ABV (%):	13.50
Acid (g/L):	6.00
pH:	3.50
Winemaker Name:	Andrew Quin
Bottle Size:	75cl
Case/Pack Size:	6x75cl

WINE AWARDS

James Halliday:	96 points
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