



Hentley Farm

Barossa Valley
Wines

Black Beauty Sparkling Shiraz (Disgorged 2016)

Some say life is full of beauty but we think there's always room for a little more. The best sparkling shirazes display a rich flavour profile while retaining an air of elegance and restraint, and thus our Beauty block provided the perfect fruit source.

Variety

Shiraz (co-fermented with Viognier) - Single Estate

Vineyard

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, and a 2-3 week later harvest.

Winemaking

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/day) was employed to ensure softness of palate. 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 followed by secondary fermentation in bottle. The wine spent 12 months on lees before being disgorged October 2016. – Winemaker, Andrew Quin

Profile

The nose is lifted, complex and earthy comprising of mushroom, licorice and black olive. These aromas are supported on the palate by red berries, plums and chocolate. Soft, even tannins are balanced perfectly by fresh acidity and a fine bead. Powdery dark chocolate dominates the back palate adding great length and a dry finish. Drink now or in the next 10 years .

Disgorged: October 2016

Drink: now - 2026

Analysis: Alcohol 14.0%

Reviews & Accolades

2015 - 90 points James Halliday

2014 - 95 points James Halliday

