



Hentley Farm

Barossa Valley
Wines

2016 Blanc de Noir

This sparkling wine combines pretty aromatics with a crisp, clean palate and a finish that leaves you wanting another sip.



Vintage

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. Persistent heat through December and most of January were also followed by a 60mm rain event in the last week of January followed by a long spell of mild temperatures providing the vines with some much needed respite, slowing sugar ripening down 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

Fruit was pressed with resulting juice oxidatively handled. Most of the juice was cold settled for 48 hours before being racked to stainless steel fermentation vessel, and seeded with a neutral commercial yeast strain. A small portion of the juice was pressed straight to barrel and fermented using natural yeast. Ferments were maintained between 12-18°C, with sugar consumption <1° Baume per day. At the completion of primary fermentation, a secondary fermentation was completed in pressure vessel. At completion of the second ferment, the sparkling wine was filtered and ready for bottle.

Profile

Pale salmon in colour. Intense aromas of fresh strawberries, raspberries and cranberries with underlying red apple peel. The palate shows more red berries interwoven with roast almond and freshly baked biscuits. The palate is full yet fresh, with persistent length and perfectly balanced acidity which leaves a crisp, dry finish.

Bottled: 19th August 2016

Analysis: Alcohol 12.0%	Acid 6.8	pH 2.91	Residual Sugar 10.2g/L
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Reviews & Accolades

2015 vintage - 91 points James Halliday