



Hentley Farm

Barossa Valley
Wines

2016 Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyard founder Keith Hentschke went against the grain when selecting three hillside sites to plant Cabernet, and the risk has paid off.



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Variety

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyard

The fruit from our three Cabernet blocks and one other high quality block in the North Western section of the Barossa Valley were blended to create this wine. All blocks have shallow clay over limestone soils, easterly aspects, a gentle slope.

Vintage

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. 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

A combination of techniques including whole bunch addition and extended maceration were used to ensure complexity and varietal balance. The wine was basket-pressed into a combination of new (10%) and old French (90%) oak, where it underwent secondary fermentation. The wine was matured in oak for a total of 10 months. No fining or filtration was used in the production of this wine. - Winemaker, Andrew Quin

Profile

Aromatics of plum, blueberry, blackberry, graphite, capsicum and mint create an intensely lifted nose. The palate is soft and approachable with even tannin expression throughout and flavours that provide a mirror image of the nose. A pretty wine with a beautiful core of fruit.

Bottled: January 2017

Drink: now - 2027

Analysis:	Alcohol 14.0%	pH - 3.67	TA - 7.1
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Reviews & Accolades

- 2015 - 95 points James Halliday
- 2014 - 95 points James Halliday,
- 2013 - 94 points James Halliday
- 2012 - 93 points James Halliday