



# Hentley Farm

Barossa Valley  
Wines

## 2015 'von Kasper'

*Great Barossan cabernets come from rare and special sites...*

*Sites where the land is flat, the air is cool, the soils are deep and the vines are protected from the afternoon sun, just like the one on which the fruit for the von Kasper is grown. True to both region and varietal, the von Kasper displays the intense fruit expected from the Barossa, with the essential underlying herbaceousness of the cabernet.*

### **Variety**

100% Cabernet Sauvignon - Single block

### **Background**

We are fortunate that Otto Kasper had the foresight to plant his cabernet vines on a perfectly positioned site on the western banks of Greenock Creek, which eventually became part of the Hentley Farm vineyard. Planted using an old clone, on a two-wire narrow vertical shoot position trellis, the vines sit on one of the lower blocks on our property, where they are well-sheltered due to the block's slight easterly aspect and enjoy the deep clay loam soils in which Cabernet thrives.

### **Vintage**

2015 – Heavy rainfall in June and early July provided an exciting start to the season but was followed by dry conditions throughout spring and early summer, resulting in budburst and flowering up to three weeks early. These dry conditions were somewhat tempered by cooler periods through December and the first half of January. A rainfall incident of 70mm in mid-January pushed sugars back and was followed by perfect warm ripening conditions with 30-32C days and cool nights down to 10C persisting for 2 weeks. These conditions resulted in a fast late ripening curve that has produced rich vibrant fruit throughout.

Harvested : 3rd March 2015

### **Winemaking**

The fruit was destemmed prior to fermentation, during which 2-3 pump overs a day were used to ensure the wine achieved a full tannin structure. It was then pressed out to a combination of new (35%) and old French barrels where it underwent natural malolactic fermentation facilitated by lees stirring. The wine was then racked off lees and returned to oak to mature for a total of 20 months. No fining or filtration were used in the production of this wine. – Winemaker, Andrew Quin

### **Profile**

Herbaceous notes of mint, wild fennel, sage and thyme dominate the nose while still somehow allowing blueberry to play a leading role. A creamy cedar wood character just evident on the nose steps forward on the front of the palate combining with robust fruit derived tannins before making way for a soft fruit driven back palate that just keeps on giving.

Bottled: December 2016

Drink: now - 2035

Analysis:	Alcohol 14.5%	Acid 6.7	pH 3.7	Sugar Dry (<1.0g/L)
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### **Reviews & Accolades**

2015 vintage - 95 points James Halliday

2014 & 2013 vintages - 94 points James Halliday

2012 vintage - 97 points James Halliday, Museum Release 97 points James Halliday (2018 Edition)

2011 vintage - 93 points James Halliday

2010 vintage - 94 points James Halliday

