



Hentley Farm

Barossa Valley  
Wines

# Black Beauty Sparkling Shiraz (Disgorged 2017)

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

## 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 (35%) and old French barrels where it underwent natural malolactic fermentation. The wine spent a total of 20 months maturation in oak followed by secondary fermentation in bottle. The wine spent 12 months on lees before being disgorged in November 2017. – Winemaker, Andrew Quin

## Profile

Blackberries, blackcurrant and Christmas pudding aromas exude from the glass, and toasty biscuit elements accompanied by aniseed and cinnamon provide complexity to our decadent sparkling shiraz. Soft tannins create an even texture throughout with flavours that mirror the aromas, aniseed and spice filling the mid-palate, and sweet fruit on the side. A lovely balance of sweet and savoury is offered on the palate that leads to a delightfully refreshing dry finish. Drink now or in the next 10 years.

Disgorged: November 2017

Drink: now - 2027

Analysis: Alcohol 14.0%

## Reviews & Accolades

2016 - 93 points James Halliday, 2015 - 90 points James Halliday  
2014 - 95 points James Halliday

