

Hayes Family Wines is a small-scale, family owned and run wine producer located in Stone Well in the heart of the Barossa Valley. Our multi generation vineyards have an enviable track record of producing some of the region's finest wines. Our Estate Vineyards are Certified Organic. Our wines are made with thought, using organic, sustainable and traditional low-intervention practices, whilst embracing innovation. We have an uncompromising focus on producing the best wines possible; wines that display fruit purity, balance and ageability.

2018 RESERVE | CABERNET SAUVIGNON

GROWING SEASON

The Coonawarra 2018 vintage, like that experienced in the Barossa Valley has produced amazing fruit and subsequently wines. Superb growing conditions resulted in fruit of outstanding quality being harvested. The winter and spring rainfall leading into the 2018 season was excellent at 20% above long-term averages, soil moisture was replenished. Winter was cold.

October through December was two degrees warmer than average. The flowering to fruit set period was quick, assisting in good berry numbers. The berry development and ripening period from December to mid-April was very dry, delivering only 50mm, which is half the normal rainfall. Consequently, there was no disease pressure.

Our Cabernet was harvested in line with long term harvest dates (early April). The yields were moderate, and the slow ripening was very even, delivering fruit with fine tannins and strong varietal flavours. The 2018 vintage has produced wines with great colour, balanced tannins and good fruit weight.

TASTING NOTE

Our 2018 Reserve comes from our old vine patch of a Cabernet Sauvignon on V&A Lane in the Coonawarra region of South Australia. This is a special block, with a history of producing grapes for many of the great Cabernet wines of the district. For more than 50 years this block has produced great cabernet, and in 2018, with the weather on its side, things came together beautifully.

Deep purple, beautifully rich red current and plum on the nose, great generosity, has a rare fullness backed by firm tannin that will keep this wine improving for many years. Two years in a single new french oak barrique provides background support. A special wine from the great 2018 vintage.

SPECIFICATIONS

Region: Coonawarra
Sub Region: Coonawarra
Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon
Alcohol: 14.4%
Production: 300 bottles
Cellaring: 10 years+
Winemaker: Andrew Seppelt
RRP: \$100



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