

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.

2019 GLENGRAE OLD BUSH GRENACHE

GROWING SEASON

The 2019 Barossa Valley vintage is shaping up to be a stand-out, with very high quality across the board but with significantly below average yields. The growing season started dry and stayed that way. In September, the Barossa Valley experienced below average maximum temperatures which delayed budburst and early vine growth. Frost was a constant threat with two bad frosts in our Ebenezer vineyards in late September and early November. Stone Well escaped the frost. If the frosts and dry conditions were not enough, the flowering period was windy and unsettled, and a hailstorm on 22 November topped it all off. By the end of March all our Barossa Valley grapes were harvested – one of the earliest on record. Resulting yields were variable; in most vineyards below average, in many well below. The good news is that flavours and colours (in reds) and overall quality is exceptional. A truly great Barossa Vintage in the making.

TASTING NOTE

Glenn Becker's dry grown bush block in Ebenezer is one of the true treasures of the Northern Barossa. A lost block of less than 2 acres planted generations ago. Traditionally farmed with no access to supplementary water, highly exposed and subject to frost more years than not. The vineyard is a true reflection of Glenn and his personality. It is unique and the wine that results in years where we get a crop is of such quality that when the conditions allow, we bottle a small volume as a Vineyard Series. 2019 was one such year albeit the 2 acres yielded a mere 750kgs of fruit. Hand picked late in the season the fruit was de-stemmed before fermented for 18 days on skins before being transferred to a single puncheon to mature.

The resulting wine is highly perfumed, delicate yet having the length and persistence that this great block can produce in the best of vintages and one that naturally provides a sour five spice character that screams out for food. A wine of rare class that can be enjoyed for many years.

SPECIFICATIONS

Region: Barossa Valley
Sub Region: Ebenezer
Variety: Grenache
Alcohol: 14.4%
Production: 600 bottles
Cellaring: 5 years+
Winemaker: Andrew Seppelt
RRP: \$40



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