

**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 KOONUNGA CREEK BLOCK SOUTH 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

Ian Becker's old bush block in Koonunga is caught in time. Farmed by Ian Becker for many years, hand tended, isolated, a special place that produces special grapes in a great vintage like 2019. Yields in this very dry vintage were very low, the 5 acre block producing less than 5 tonne, but with the Northern and Southern ends producing very distinct wines we decided to bottle our best barrels of each separately.

Hand picked, the fruit was de-stemmed before being transferred to our small fermenters before spending almost 20 days on skins. Once dry, the wine was transferred into older French oak for 9 months prior to being bottled in December 2019.

The South Block wine like its Northern cousin, is highly perfumed, unusually powerful for grenache, with substantive fruit weight, grip and tannin. A wine of intensity and grip that reflects the vintage year to perfection. This can be enjoyed for many years.

### SPECIFICATIONS

**Region:** Barossa Valley  
**Sub Region:** Koonunga  
**Variety:** Grenache  
**Alcohol:** 15.0%  
**Production:** 600 bottles  
**Cellaring:** 5 years+  
**Winemaker:** Andrew Seppelt  
**RRP:** \$40



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