

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 and Winery are Certified Organic and Certified Sustainable. 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.

2020 ESTATE BLOCK 9 SHIRAZ



GROWING SEASON

The 2020 Barossa Valley vintage will be remembered for many reasons both locally and globally. In the vineyard, 2020 was the second consecutive season of very low yields, the lowest on record. But like 2019, the vintage is shaping up to be a stand-out for quality. The growing season started dry and stayed that way. A pattern that has been in play since the 2017 vintage. Early heat in October coupled with unseasonal high winds resulted in a very poor fruit set, particularly in the Shiraz. After the early setbacks, vintage progressed as we had wished. Dry, warm days and cool nights allowed discretion when picking. We chose to wait for flavour ripeness. By the early April all our Barossa Valley grapes were harvested. The good news is that flavours and colours (in reds) and overall quality looks very promising.

TASTING NOTE

Our Single Block Estate Stone Well Shiraz comes from Block 9 of our Estate Vineyard in Stone Well. This wine is Certified Organic. The soil in this section of the vineyard is very shallow gravelly loam over white clay and hard lime. This block runs east to west and naturally crops very low.

The wine has all the hallmarks of the Stone Well area - bright purple red hue, blackberry and earth, full bodied. The dense fruit is balanced by abundant natural tannins. Slightly bolder fruit than its Block 1 cousin. A wine that will cellar extremely well in the right cellar conditions.

SPECIFICATIONS

Region: Barossa Valley
District: Stone Well
Variety: Shiraz
Alcohol: 14.5%
Production: 300 bottles
Cellaring: 10 years+
Winemaker: Andrew Seppelt
RRP: \$60

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