

**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.

## 2020 KOONUNGA CREEK BLOCK SOUTH GRENACHE

### 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. 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 is exceptional. Another extremely good 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, an isolated place that produces special grapes in a great vintage like 2020. Adrian Hoffman took over the management of the vineyard for the 2020 vintage. 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 large format French oak for 9 months prior to being bottled in December 2020.

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  
**District:** Koonunga  
**Variety:** Grenache  
**Alcohol:** 14.5%  
**Production:** 1000 bottles  
**Cellaring:** 5 years+  
**Winemaker:** Andrew Seppelt  
**RRP:** \$40



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