

**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 BAROSSA VALLEY ROUGE

## **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

Old vine Grenache from our Koonunga North Block in the northern reaches of the Barossa Valley. Fermented in a 675L Ceramic Egg and matured for a further 5 months on skins in the Egg, before being bottled in December 2020.

A 'natural' wine made with minimal additions that carries the hallmarks of our old vine fruit. This wine is bright, lifted red berries, light to medium bodied pallet supported by fine tannins. A wine that is drinking very well on release.

Artwork 'Winter Terrior' by Lise Temple, painted 2017

## SPECIFICATIONS

Region: Barossa Valley District: Koonunga Variety: Grenache Alcohol: 13.5% Production: 400 bottles Cellaring: 5+ years Winemaker: Andrew Seppelt RRP: \$35

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