

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 philosophy has always been to find very special small blocks of vines and craft our wines to highlight the distinctive characteristics of each block. By working very closely with our own blocks, and those of our growers, we are seeing the quality of the grapes and our range of wines continue to improve each year. Now, the stellar 2021, 2022 and 2023 vintages have given us some great fruit from both existing and new blocks. This has given us the opportunity to showcase the strong teamwork that we see between our growers and Andrew and Brett in the winery. The Hayes Family Selection represents the best of what we do in our vineyards and those of our growers in only the best of seasons.

# 2021 FAMILY SELECTION BLOCK 15 SHIRAZ

# BLOCK 15 15 SHIRAZ BAROSSA VALLEY

# **GROWING SEASON**

The 2021 Barossa Valley vintage will be remembered as an almost faultless season after the challenging years that preceded it. Good spring rains meant that for the first time in many years we entered the growing season with good soil moisture levels. A warm dry growing season followed, with balanced and healthy canopies producing an average crop of extremely high quality fruit. Certainly the best in a decade, maybe longer. 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

Our Block 15 Shiraz comes from the famed Schulz Home Vineyard on Belvidere Road in Ebenezer in the Northern Barossa. This block and is neighbouring blocks have an incredible history producing some of the best grapes in the Barossa Valley. The soil in this section of the vineyard is very shallow sandy loam over mottled clay. This block runs east to west and naturally crops very low.

The wine is a barrel selection of our Block 15 Shiraz from a wonderful vintage. It has all the hallmarks of the Ebenezer area - bright purple black hue, dense blueberry, full bodied. The dense fruit is balanced by abundant natural tannins. A wine that will cellar extremely well in the right cellar conditions.

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

Region: Barossa Valley District: Ebenezer Variety: Shiraz Alcohol: 14.7%

Production: 800 bottles Cellaring: 10 years +

Winemaker: Andrew Seppelt

RRP: \$125

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