



Hentley Farm

Barossa Valley
Wines

2015 Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyard founder Keith Henschke went against the grain when selecting three hillside sites to plant Cabernet, and the risk has paid off.

Variety

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyard

The fruit from our three Cabernet blocks and one other high quality block in the North Western section of the Barossa Valley were blended to create this wine. All blocks have shallow clay over limestone soils, easterly aspects, a gentle slope and a north- south row orientation.

Vintage

2015 - Heavy rainfall in June and early July provided an exciting start to the season but was followed by extremely dry conditions throughout spring and early summer resulting in budburst and flowering up to 3 weeks early. Although these dry conditions were a concern it was somewhat tempered by cool conditions through December and the first half of January. A rainfall incident of 70mm in mid-January pushed sugars back and was followed by perfect warm ripening conditions with 30-32C days and cool nights down to 10C persisting for 2 weeks. These conditions resulted in a fast late ripening curve that has produced rich vibrant fruit throughout.

Winemaking

A combination of techniques including whole bunch addition and extended maceration were used to ensure complexity and varietal balance. The wine was basket-pressed into a combination of new (10%) and old French (90%) oak , where it underwent secondary fermentation. The wine was matured in oak for a total of 10 months. No fining or filtration was used in the production of this wine. - Winemaker, Andrew Quin

Profile

A very lifted and pretty nose with herbaceous notes of mint, capsicum and tomato leaf leading the nose while supported by primary fruit characters of plum and sweet cherry. The flavour profile mirrors the nose but also includes dark chocolate and graphite. Grainy tannins provide the savoury edge and structure that supports and provides length to the otherwise fruit driven palate.

Bottled: 20th January 2016

Drink: now - 2026

Analysis:	Alcohol	14.4%	pH - 3.75	TA - 6.3
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Reviews & Accolades

- 2015 - 96 points James Halliday
- 2014 - 95 points James Halliday
- 2013 - 94 points James Halliday
- 2012 - 89 points Wine Advocate, 93 points James Halliday

