



# Hentley Farm

Barossa Valley  
Wines

## 2013 'The Beast'

*Like the fabled character, the Beast is big and bold, yet has a beautiful soft side...*

Selected from a single block high on the hill, where the soils are shallow and the sunlight is even, you can expect the Beast to exhibit great concentration of flavour and richness, with soft grippy tannins.

### Variety

100% Shiraz

### Background

Like all great vineyard sites, this block's expression of rich fruit and ripe, supple tannins result from the interaction between two key variables: soil and microclimate. Red clay loam topsoil overlying massive clay with bluestone at depth allow the creation of naturally low yields with intensive flavours. The block's position is elevated and enjoys long, even sunlight exposure, further intensifying the aromatic and flavour profile.

### Vintage

2013- Well-below average winter rainfall and warm conditions in early spring resulted in an early start to the growing season with budburst two weeks earlier than the long-term average. These conditions continued through flowering and for the remainder of the growing season with only 4.5 mm rainfall recorded over the period. This resulted in low crop levels with great intensity in both colour and flavour.

Harvested 11th - 22nd February 2013

### Winemaking

The fruit was crushed, de-stemmed and left on skins in open top fermenters for 8-10 days. After an early heat spike, a slow fermentation was achieved with temperatures ranging from 15-18C. Cap management included a combination of open pump-overs and hand plunging. Once fermentation was completed the wine was basket pressed to a combination of new (60%) and old French barrels, where it underwent natural malolactic fermentation. The wine spent a total of 22 months maturation in oak. No fining or filtration were used in the production of this wine. - Winemaker, Andrew Quin

### Profile

On the nose the wine has dense dark fruits, black olive, tapenade, and earthy aromas. Black fruits persist on the palate; particularly blackberries bursting from the mid palate. Tannin profile is prominent, particularly at the front, but does not detract from the great length. The oak is well balanced and provides notes of toasted coconut and almonds.

Bottled: 16 January 2015

Drink: now - 2033+

Analysis:	Alcohol	15%	Acid	7.0	pH	3.63
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### Reviews & Accolades

2013 vintage - 94 points Wine Spectator, 95 points James Halliday, Barons of Barossa Grand Cellar Selection Trophy

2012 vintage - 94 points Wine Spectator, 95+ points Wine Advocate, 96 points James Halliday

2011 vintage - 92 points Wine Spectator, 91 points Wine Advocate, 94 points James Halliday

2010 vintage - 95+ points Wine Advocate, 95 points James Halliday

2009 vintage - 92 points Wine Spectator, 93+ points Wine Advocate, 95 points James Halliday

2008 vintage - 93 points Wine Spectator, 94+ points Wine Advocate, 96 points James Halliday

2007 vintage - 94 points Wine Advocate, 94 points James Halliday

2006 vintage - 94 points Wine Advocate, 95 points James Halliday

2005 vintage - 92 points Wine Advocate, 94 points James Halliday

2004 vintage - 93 points Wine Advocate, 95 points James Halliday

2003 vintage - 95 points Wine Advocate, 93 points James Halliday

