



2015 'Hales' Shiraz

Winemaker: Rolf Binder

Second generation winemakers, Rolf Binder and Christa Deans are highly regarded for their skill and commitment to producing premium quality Barossa Valley wines.

THE VINEYARDS:

Fruit was sourced from a collection Barossa Valley vineyards which results in a nice complexity to this wine. The vineyards in the northern region of the Barossa are known for adding depth and weight to a wine, while the vineyards in the western, Marananga area give the wine power and length. Our criteria is to select vineyards that are cropped at a level that is in harmony with the growth of the vines and the strength of the soil.

THE VINTAGE:

Things started well for 2015 with above average early winter rains that filled the soils and dams. Spring was drier and warmer than average, meaning the vines got away to a good healthy start. In the second week of January, a nice amount of rain fell, which kept vines healthy and grapes ripening. In fact the ripening conditions were perfect, and February did nothing to stop the ripening or hinder quality, being warm to hot during the day, cool at night and almost completely dry. March was also very dry and average in temperature with most of the vintage harvested before its end. 2015 could well go down as another really great Barossa Valley vintage.

THE WINEMAKING:

The Shiraz for this wine was picked over a period of three weeks, coming from vineyards in the inner west and northern reaches of the Barossa. All batches are crushed as one, using traditional pump over or heading downboards during the fermentation. After pressing, the separate free run juice and pressings are blended back together. Maturation was done in a majority of shaven American and French oak hogshead barrels.

ANALYSIS: Alc. Vol 14.3%, Acidity 5.7, pH 3.57

THE PROFILE:

This deep cherry red wine fills the glass with aromas reminiscent of sweet red berries. Dark cherries enhanced with licorice, cassis, hints of vanilla and blueberries on the medium bodied palate. Ripe tannins and a complex acidity lend to the overall perception of a smooth, approachable red wine, with a nice persistence of flavour.

CELLARING:

Made to enjoy now till at least 2023.



"This has shown to be one of our most popular red wines around the globe - a classic Shiraz that drinks incredibly well, at exceptional value."

- Rolf Binder