



Hentley Farm

Barossa Valley
Wines

2008 '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 (clone 1654) - Single block

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 with a massive clay with bluestone subsoil create naturally low yields and intense flavours. The block's position is high and enjoys long, even sunlight exposure, further intensifying the aromatic and flavour profile. - Vineyard Manager, Greg Mader

Vintage

2008 - A reasonably dry and warm growing season, with a late spike in ripening occurring from mid-February to early March and an extreme heat wave in late March. Overall, ideal conditions for ripening and producing some of the most concentrated fruit flavours our vineyard has ever created.

Area: 2.04ha

Yield: 4.9 t/ha

Harvested : February 27

Winemaking

The fruit was crushed, destemmed and left on skins to ferment for 9 days. The wine was then pressed into French barrels where it underwent malolactic fermentation and maturation for 18 months in 90% new and 10% old French barrels.

- Winemaker, Andrew Quin

Profile

As the name suggests, this wine is big in colour, flavour and aromas. Aromatics of dark, rich berries such as blackberry and mulberry lead you to the underlying aromas of dark mocha, chocolate and vanillin. The palate displays ripe, supple tannins, dark fruits and perfect oak integration, producing a wine with incredible intensity and length.

Blended & bottled: February 2010

Drink: now - 2030+

Analysis:	Alcohol	15.5%	RS	0.8g/L	Acid	6.2	pH	3.55
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Reviews & Accolades

2008 - 96 points James Halliday; 94+ points Wine Advocate, 93 points Wine Spectator, 95 points Ray Jordan; Winner of the Trophy 'Best Shiraz 2008 or younger' at the Marananga Wine Show 2010

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2003 - 95 points Robert Parker

