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2018 HEAD ‘THE BLONDE’

Shiraz

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Head Wines draws from 10 top Shiraz vineyards in the Barossa and Eden Valleys. ‘The Blonde’ vineyard is consistently in the top few performing vineyards each year and has done so for 15 years.

The Shiraz (Clone 1654) vineyard is planted in the ‘Stone Well’ parish on a small 280m rise below the western ridge of the Barossa Valley comprising a myriad of soil and rock types including red clays, sands and a deep limestone base (blonde in colour).

It is these unique rocks and soils that help produce riper, plumper, sweeter fruited wine than surrounding vineyards, while still retaining acidity due to the higher limestone content of the soil. *Alex Head*

James Halliday
Wine Companion

95
Pts

“The vineyard in Stone Well at 280m practises sustainable farming techniques, including straw mulches. Open-fermented, 100% whole bunch, matured in French oak, 300 dozen made. Delicious surge/uplift on the finish.”

James Suckling
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“From the limestone-base soils of Stonewell, this has a very complex and spicy dark-plum and blackberry nose. Espresso and dark-chocolate notes, too. The palate is deeply flavored with blackberry, black-cherry and blood-plum flavors, as well as toasted spices and mocha. Smooth tannins. Medium-to full-bodied, very concentrated and very drinkable already. Drink or hold. Screw cap.”



RAINFALL:	421ml (April 17-March 18 avg. 481ml)
VINEYARD:	Stone Well at 280m elevation Sustainable farming, straw-mulching, restricted yields, no synthetic chemicals
VARIETAL:	100% Shiraz (1654 clone)
VINE AGE:	26 years
SOIL/ROCK:	Sandy loam and scattered red clay over deep limestone
AVG. YIELD:	2.0t/a or 38hl/h
PRODUCTION:	300 cases
VINIFICATION:	2-5t open top stainless steel, 100% Whole Berry, indigenous yeast, two week ferment, hand-plunging & pumpover twice daily
MATURATION:	On fine lees, 40% new French oak mix of 228L & 500L
BOTTLING:	June 19, minimal So2, unfiltered & unfiltered
ACIDITY:	6.0 g/l
ALCOHOL:	14.0%