

# HEAD

BAROSSA

## 2018 HEAD RED

### *Shiraz*

BAROSSA & EDEN VALLEYS



HEAD RED is a barrel cull from Barossa vineyards including 'The Blonde', 'The Brunette' and 'The Contrarian' single vineyard wines.

It allows a pre-view of the vintage quality to come and keeps the quality of the single vineyard wines as high as possible. The wine always receives 12 months barrel age in a new French foudre (2250L) with predominantly older French hogsheads for the balance, allowing the vintage and terroir to show clearly.

It's also a chance for me to play with the old adage, 'The whole is greater than the sum of its parts'. Certainly the best value and most traditional wine style of the portfolio. *Alex Head*

James Halliday  
Wine Companion

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*"There's a lot happening here, all of it good. 80% is sourced from the Eden Valley, 20% the Barossa Valley, co-fermented on skins for 14 days, matured in French oak (10% new), the barrel size ranging from 225l to 2250l. There's a poultice of red and black fruits and ribbons of fine, ripe tannins. You can't deny a wine like this."*



RAINFALL:	421ml (April 17-March 18 avg. 468ml)
VINEYARD:	Eden Valley, Mengler's Hill, Moppa, Pewsey Vale, Springton and Stone Well at 260-500m elevation (80% Eden Valley, 20% Barossa Valley)
VARIETAL:	100% Shiraz
VINE AGE:	35 years average
SOIL/ROCK:	Sand, red/yellow clay, limestone, bluestone, quartz & ironstone
AVG. YIELD:	2.0t/a or 34hl/h
PRODUCTION:	2,000 cases
VINIFICATION:	2-5t open top, indigenous yeast, two week ferment, hand-plunging & pumpover twice daily
MATURATION:	On fine lees, 10% new French oak, mix of 2,250L, 600L, 500L, 300L & 228L
BOTTLING:	March 19, minimal So2
ACIDITY:	5.6g/l
ALCOHOL:	14.5%