

Hayes Family Wines is a small-scale, family owned and run wine producer located in Stone Well in the heart of the Barossa Valley. Our multi generation vineyards have an enviable track record of producing some of the region's finest wines. Our Estate Vineyards and Winery are Certified Organic and Certified Sustainable. Our wines are made with thought, using organic, sustainable and traditional low-intervention practices, whilst embracing innovation. We have an uncompromising focus on producing the best wines possible; wines that display fruit purity, balance and ageability.

2019 KOONUNGA ANCESTOR SHIRAZ

GROWING SEASON

The 2019 Barossa Valley vintage is shaping up to be a stand-out, with very high quality across the board but with significantly below average yields. The growing season started dry and stayed that way. In September, the Barossa Valley experienced below average maximum temperatures which delayed budburst and early vine growth. Frost was a constant threat with two bad frosts in our Ebenezer vineyards in late September and early November. Stone Well escaped the frost. If the frosts and dry conditions were not enough, the flowering period was windy and unsettled, and a hailstorm on 22 November topped it all off. By the end of March all our Barossa Valley grapes were harvested – one of the earliest on record.

Resulting yields were variable; in most vineyards below average, in many well below. The good news is that flavours and colours (in reds) and overall quality is exceptional. A truly great Barossa vintage in the making.

TASTING NOTE

Our Single Block Koonunga Ancestor Vine Shiraz from the truly exceptional 2019 vintage comes from our Ancestor Shiraz block in Koonunga in the Northern reaches of the Barossa Valley. Farmed by the Becker family since the 1800s, this block was thought to have been planted in the 1870s but no formal records exist.

The wine has all the hallmarks of a Northern Barossa Shiraz - bright purple red hue, powerful black and blue fruits, full bodied, the dense fruit balanced by abundant natural tannins. This wine is well integrated but has ample tannin to carry it forward for many years to come.

SPECIFICATIONS

Region: Barossa Valley
District: Koonunga
Variety: Shiraz
Alcohol: 14.5%
Production: 400 bottles
Cellaring: 10 years +
Winemaker: Andrew Seppelt
RRP: \$150



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