

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.

2023 KOONUNGA CREEK BLOCK GRENACHE

GROWING SEASON

The 2023 Barossa Valley vintage will be remembered as one of the latest vintages in recent memory. After a wet winter the rains continued well into November, it was certainly unlike any other. This meant the growing season was off to a slow start. The Barossa season from this point on was almost perfect.

Warmer than the 2022 vintage, but cooler than the long term average. A vintage that will have a split personality, the great vineyards with the best growers truly excelled; the best wines will be up there with the best we have ever produced. Characterised by the wonderful fruit expression seen in the 2021 vintage combined with the crisp acids seen in the 2022 vintage.

TASTING NOTE

Ian Becker's old bush block in Koonunga is caught in time. Recently brought under the Hoffmann banner with Adrian Hoffmann at the helm. An isolated place that produces special grapes year in, year out. The vineyard naturally crops low, essentially dry grown bush vines farmed as they were 100 years ago. Hand picked, the fruit was de-stemmed before being transferred to our small fermenters. Once dry, the wine was transferred into older French oak puncheons for 9 months prior to being bottled in early 2023.

The wine is highly perfumed, with an intense fruit driven mouthful of red fruits, tannin, clearly powerful but with a subtlety and balance that suggests a wine that will cellar and improve for some time in the right conditions.

SPECIFICATIONS

Region: Barossa Valley District: Koonunga Variety: Grenache Alcohol: 14.5% Production: 1350 bottles Cellaring: 5 years + Winemaker: Andrew Seppelt RRP: \$45

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