

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.

2018 KOONUNGA ANCESTOR SHIRAZ



GROWING SEASON

2018 started off well, with Winter 2017 rainfall around 10% higher than average. However, Spring rainfall was only 78% of average and December rainfall was only 57% of average. Drier soils, combined with warmer than average October and November days, meant the vine canopies grew quickly; flowering well and setting a good number of bunches. January and February were warm and dry. Beautiful weather continued into March and early April, with average temperatures, without extremes, perfect for finishing off vintage. The result - an exceptional vintage across all red varieties. They are drinking well today and sure to age beautifully in the medium to long term.

TASTING NOTE

Our Single Block Koonunga Ancestor Vine Shiraz from the excellent 2018 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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