

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.

2020 KOONUNGA ANCESTOR SHIRAZ

GROWING SEASON

The 2020 Barossa Valley vintage will be remembered for many reasons both locally and globally. In the vineyard, 2020 was the second consecutive season of very low yields, the lowest on record. But like 2019, the vintage is shaping up to be a stand-out for quality. The growing season started dry and stayed that way. A pattern that has been in play since the 2017 vintage. Early heat in October coupled with unseasonal high winds resulted in a very poor fruit set, particularly in the Shiraz. After the early setbacks, vintage progressed as we had wished. Dry, warm days and cool nights allowed discretion when picking. We chose to wait for flavour ripeness. By the early April all our Barossa Valley grapes were harvested. The good news is that flavours and colours (in reds) and overall quality is exceptional. Another extremely good Barossa Vintage in the making.



TASTING NOTE

Our Single Block Koonunga Ancestor Vine Shiraz from the 2020 vintage comes from our Ancestor Shiraz block in Koonunga in the Northern reaches of the Barossa Valley. Now part of the extensive Hoffmann Family portfolio, 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. An incredible wine for the vintage, the ancestor vines outperformed expectations, amazing freshness no doubt one of the great success stories of the vintage. 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: 14.7%
Production: 800 bottles
Cellaring: 10 years +
Winemaker: Andrew Seppelt
RRP: \$150

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