



Hentley Farm

Barossa Valley
Wines

Black Beauty Sparkling Shiraz (Disgorged 2014)

Some say life is full of beauty but we think there's always room for a little more. The best sparkling shirazes display a rich flavour profile while retaining an air of elegance and restraint, and thus our Beauty block provided the perfect fruit source.

Variety

Shiraz (co-fermented with Viognier) - Single Estate

Vineyard

The Beauty block is grown at the lowest point of the Hentley Farm vineyard, directly on the banks of Greenock Creek. The western aspect results in a shaded morning; the low topographical position is where cool air settles; and the large gum trees surrounding the block create significant barriers to air movement, so cool air remains present well into the morning. This results in early morning air temperatures 2-3 degrees cooler than the higher shiraz blocks, and a 2-3 week later harvest.

Winemaking

3% Viognier was added to the Shiraz at the receival hopper before fruit was destemmed and moved to closed top vessel. Fermentation lasted 7 days with an early temperature spike followed by a cool and slow fermentation. A light pump-over regime resulted in minimal tannin extraction throughout and this light tannin structure was further enhanced with basket pressing at 1° baume and 1/3 of juice kept 'off-skins' in barriques. After 30 months (approximate average) oak maturation the wine was put through secondary fermentation in bottle, in October 2013. Following this the wine spent 12 months on yeast lees before being disgorged in November 2014 – Winemaker, Andrew Quin

Profile

An alluring and complex nose with black earth, olive and mushroom leading the show but supported by lifted aromatics of licorice, rose petal and chocolate. Leading aromatics follow through to the palate and are supported here by fresh red berries and pepper. Soft integrated tannins provide balance and structure throughout combined with a fine and even bead that provides freshness and lift. Finally dark chocolate fills the back of the palate before a dry finish that leaves you wanting more. Drink now or in the next 10 years .

