



Hentley Farm

Barossa Valley
Wines

2015 Blanc de Noir

This sparkling wine combines pretty aromatics with a crisp, clean palate and a finish that leaves you wanting another sip.



Vintage

2015 – Heavy rainfall in June and early July provided an exciting start to the season but was followed by extremely dry conditions throughout spring and early summer resulting in budburst and flowering up to 3 weeks early. Although these dry conditions were a concern it was somewhat tempered by cool conditions through December and the first half of January. A rainfall incident of 70mm in mid-January pushed sugars back and was followed by perfect warm ripening conditions with 30-32C days and cool nights down to 10C persisting for 2 weeks. These conditions resulted in a fast late ripening curve that has produced rich vibrant fruit throughout.

Winemaking

Hand harvested fruit was whole bunch pressed with resulting juice oxidatively handled. 2/3's of the juice was cold settled for 48 hours at which point free run and pressing fractions were racked and combined in stainless steel fermentation vessel, and seeded with neutral yeast strain EC1118. 1/3 of the juice was pressed straight to barrel and fermented using natural yeast. Ferment was maintained between 11-15°C, with sugar consumption <1° Baume per day, but then allowed to warm to 20°C near the end of primary ferment for successive malolactic fermentation. At the completion of malolactic fermentation, a second fermentation was completed in pressure vessel. At completion of the second ferment, the sparkling wine was filtered and ready for bottle.

Profile

Pale watermelon in colour. Intense aroma of fresh strawberries, with underlying red apple peel and roasted almond. Palate is full yet fresh, with great acid and persistent length. Layers of strawberries and shortbread on the palate are reminiscent of Strawberry Shortcake.

Bottled: 9th June 2015

Analysis:	Alcohol	11.5%	Acid	7.1	pH	2.6	Residual Sugar	8.6g/L
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