



Hentley Farm

Barossa Valley
Wines

2014 Blanc de Noir

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

Vintage

2014 – Solid rainfall through June and July filled the soil profile and irrigation dams of Eden Valley thus providing a great start to the growing season. This was followed by an extremely dry and hot spring combined with unusually high winds at flowering. These challenging conditions continued on through summer until the middle of February when a significant rainfall event signalled the end of summer and a return to mild days. This last minute reprieve from the heat was critical for the vintage, resulting in slowed ripening and therefore increased opportunity for flavour development. One of the most unique Barossa vintages in recent history, and in my opinion will prove to be one of Hentley Farm's best. Winemaker – Andrew Quin.

Winemaking

Hand harvested fruit was whole bunch pressed with resulting juice oxidatively handled. 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. 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 salmon 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: 26th February 2014

Analysis:	Alcohol	11.3%	Acid	7.4	pH	2.9	Residual Sugar	10.7
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