



# Hentley Farm

Barossa Valley  
Wines

## 2009 'The Creation'

*Each year our winemaker, Andrew Quin, creates a small production and members only single-block wine that he feels best exemplifies the influence of our unique and diverse site conditions...*

In 2009 E block was selected, and the resulting wine is a true display of vintage, site and traditional Barossan winemaking. Softness and elegance associated with the 2009 season, the trademark Hentley Farm velvety tannins, and perfect oak integration resulting from 18 months in new french are all on show.

### **Variety**

100% Shiraz - Single block

### **Background**

E block is the highest altitude block on our property, and in fact one of the highest in the Barossa Valley. The block has a history of low yields due to its shallow soil profile and has always shown an expressive individuality due to its unique location, its easterly aspect, and its clonal variation to the Beauty and the Beast (part of this block is BVRC30). - Vineyard manager, Greg Mader

### **Vintage**

2009 – Average winter conditions and a problem free spring saw a return to late September bud-burst. After above average rainfall in December and a short-lived heat wave in early February, we had some of the best late season growing conditions seen in the last decade. This resulted in harvest dates 2 - 3 weeks later than the previous 2 years and wines of astonishing quality.

Area: 2.16ha

Yield: 3.0 t/ha

Harvested : February 19

### **Winemaking**

The fruit was crushed, de-stemmed and left on skins to ferment for 8 days before being basket pressed to 100% new French barrels, where it underwent natural malolactic fermentation. The wine was then racked off lees and returned to oak to mature for 22 months. No fining or filtration was used in the production of this wine. - Winemaker, Andrew Quin

### **Profile**

Dried fruits, floral lift and a unique tropical fruit aroma of pineapple and peach combine to create an aromatic profile specific to this single block of fruit. Dry tannins line the palate throughout, providing palate weight and structure that will support long aging. The flavour profile consists of a strong mid-palate fruit sweetness combined with dark fruits, tropical fruits and violets. Balance, structure, complexity, length and uniqueness are the keys to this amazing wine.

Bottled: 14 January 2011 (only 65 cases available)

Drink: now - next 30 years

Analysis:	Alcohol	15.0%	Acid	7.3	pH	3.6
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