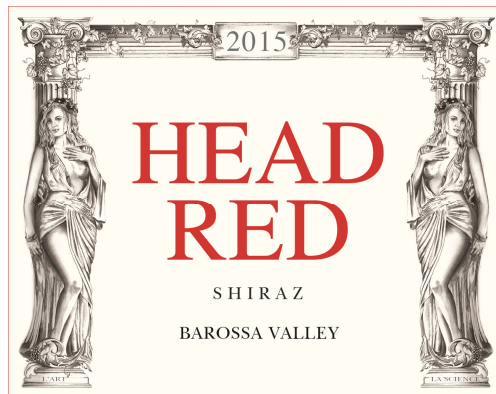


# HEAD WINES

of the Barossa Valley

## 2015 HEAD RED Shiraz



Rainfall:	486ml (April 14' to March 15', Ave. 547ml)
Vineyards:	260-500m elevation: Ebenezer, Greenock, Krondorf, Siegersdorf, Stonewell, Marananga, Mengler's Hill, Moppa. Farmed sustainably with organic principles.
Varietals:	90 % Shiraz (1654, EVOV, BVRC30), 5% Mataro, 3% Touriga Nacional, 2% Grenache.
Age of Vines:	Average of 35 years.
Soil/Rock:	Sand, red/yellow clay, limestone, quartz & ironstone.
Ave. Yields:	2.0 t/a or 34hl/h.
Production:	2000 cases
Vinification:	2-5t open top, indigenous yeast, average two week ferment, hand-plunging & pumpover twice daily.
Maturation:	On fine lees, 15% new French oak, mix of 2250L, 600L, 500L, 300L & 228L.
Bottling:	March 16', Minimal So2, Unfined & Unfiltered.
Acidity:	6.0 g/l
Alcohol:	14.3%

'HEAD RED' Shiraz is a blend across multiple Barossa vineyards allowing a snapshot of the overall vintage quality. It also contains de-classified barrels from some of the best vineyards in the portfolio. Ultimately in search of balance, length & complexity, it's a chance for me to play with the old adage, 'The whole is greater than the sum of its parts'. 'HEAD RED' Shiraz is the best value, most approachable and classically Barossan Shiraz I can produce each year. Alex Head.

*The back label puts it succinctly: 'this is the best value blend of Barossa Valley shiraz I can make each year'. The bouquet is super-fragrant, the medium-bodied palate vibrant and fresh, the flavours circling red and black fruits, multi-spices, a touch of black licorice, and the tannins judged to perfection.*

**95 Pts & Top 100 Wines for 2016 (Top 20 Reds Under \$25) James Halliday**

*Unusual sophistication at this price point for a Barossa Shiraz. It's not an ooze monster, not at all. It's fine and spicy, almost bony in structure with firm grainy tannin, blueberry and floral/apricot perfume, pan juices and crisp cut of acidity. Finish is dry, meaty and spicy, with a vapour trail of sweet blue fruit.* **92Pts Gary Walsh – Winefront.**

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