

HEAD

Barossa

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2015 Head Red GSM



RAINFALL: 486ml
(April '14-March '15 avg. 547ml)

VINEYARD: Ebenezer, Greenock, Krondorf, Siegersdorf, Marananga,
Mengler's Hill, Springton at 260-500m elevation
Farmed sustainably with organic principles

VARIETAL: 60% Grenache, 30% Mataro, 10% Shiraz

VINE AGE: 50-155 years

SOIL/ROCK: Sand, red/yellow clay, limestone, quartz & ironstone

AVG. YIELD: 2.0t/a or 34hl/h

PRODUCTION: 500 cases

VINIFICATION: 2-5t open top, indigenous yeast, 15% whole-bunch retention,
two week ferment, hand-plunging & pumpover daily

MATURATION: On fine lees, mix of seasoned 300L, 500L & 600L French oak

BOTTLING: March '16, minimal So2, unfined & unfiltered

ACIDITY: 5.5g/l

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

'Head Red' GSM is a blend across multiple 'Old Vine' 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' GSM is the best value, most approachable and classical expression of a Southern Rhone blend I can produce each year. Alex Head

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James Suckling/
Nick Stock

94
Pts

"Love the meat, dark berry, smoke and leather aromas here. Full body, round and velvety tannins and a savory finish. This is such a drink-me-now red. Complex and satisfying."

Gary Walsh
The Wine Front

93
Pts

"Raspberry juice, musk, spice and perfume. Medium bodied, supple and succulent, ultra-fine powdery tannin, clean acidity, a touch of meatiness, with a smattering of dried herb and brick dust tannin cleaning up the finish. Flat out delicious: a bonus point for that."