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*Barossa*

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## 2016 Head Red Shiraz



RAINFALL: 433ml  
(April '15-March '16 avg. 547ml)

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

VARIETAL: 85% Shiraz, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Grenache

VINE AGE: 35 years average

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, two week ferment,  
hand-plunging & pumpover twice daily

MATURATION: On fine lees, 10% new French oak, mix of 2250L, 600L, 500L, 300L & 228L

BOTTLING: March '17, minimal So2

ACIDITY: 5.8g/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*

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James Suckling/  
Nick Stock



*"A lovely blue-fruited shiraz showing attractively fresh aromas of pressed violets, brambleberries and Indian spices. Medium to full body, grainy yet succulent tannins and a juicy finish. Drink in 2020."*

Gary Walsh  
The Wine Front



*"More good juicy and affordable Shiraz from Heady. Plump, succulent and floral thing, with a brown spices, blackberries and assorted stone-fruits. Medium to full bodied, a slight meatiness, but pretty much a silky and approachable Barossa Shiraz that slips down pretty nicely. Drink 2017-2022+"*