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2018 Head Red SHIRAZ

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Fruit is sourced from up to 10 Barossa vineyards predominantly coming from the higher altitude, cooler sites of Eden Valley. The wine allows a preview, or snapshot, of the vintage quality to come. The wine always receives 12 months barrel maturation in a French oaks of differing sizes (228L, 300L, 500L, 600L, 2250L), allowing the vintage and Barossa character to show clearly.

It's also a chance for me to play with the old adage, 'The whole is greater than the sum of its parts'. Certainly the best value, most traditional style and most popular wine of the portfolio.

'Head Red' wines are produced with balance and drinkability in mind without sacrificing true Barossan character. Bottled unfiltered under Stelvin capsule. *Alex Head*

Gary Walsh
The Wine Front



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"High perfume, blueberry coulis, blackberry, spice and sage, ironstone. Medium-bodied, succulent, intense fruit of perfume and weight, dark chocolate tannin, savoury elements, very long fresh finish. Super vintage. Puppy-like in enthusiasm as at now. Almost 94 points, though that's kind of arbitrary."



RAINFALL: 421ml
(April '17-March '18 avg. 468ml)

VINEYARD: Eden Valley, Mengler's Hill, Moppa, Pewsey Vale, Springton and Stone Well at 260-500m elevation (80% Eden Valley, 20% Barossa Valley)

VARIETAL: 100% Shiraz

VINE AGE: 35 years average

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

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

PRODUCTION: 2000 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 2,250L, 600L, 500L, 300L & 228L

BOTTLING: March '19, minimal So2

ACIDITY: 5.6g/l

ALCOHOL: 14.2%