HEAD WINES
of the Barossa Valley

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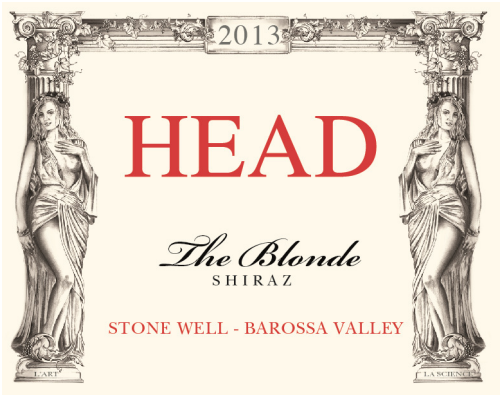
HEAD
'The Blonde'
Shiraz
Stone Well - Barossa Valley



From a single vineyard in the 'Stone Well' parish below the Western Ridge of the Barossa Valley which contains a myriad of soil types including red clays, grey sands and a deep limestone base (Blonde in colour). It is these soils and the climate that help produce riper, plumper, sweeter fruited wine while still retaining acidity due to the higher limestone content of the soil.

Picked between the 12th and 16th February (Ave. 5th March) and completely de-stemmed before a three week wild yeast fermentation with 5% Viognier skins. Hand plunging twice daily for the first two weeks and then matured for one year in larger 500L barrels of which 50% were new.

Colour is deep red with purple rim. Aromas of wild raspberry, plum, apricot chews, red liquorice and creamy sarsaparilla. The palate has sweet plum and red fruits with musky undertones and supple peach skin tannins. Unfined & Unfiltered. Alc 14.2%. Drink 2016-2026. Decant for 1 hour minimum.

James Halliday – Wine Companion, 96Pts