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# 2018 HEAD ‘THE BLONDE”

*Shiraz*

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Head Wines draws from 10 top Shiraz vineyards in the Barossa and Eden Valleys. ‘The Blonde’ vineyard is consistently in the top few performing vineyards each year and has done so for 15 years.

The Shiraz (Clone 1654) vineyard is planted in the ‘Stone Well’ parish on a small 280m rise below the western ridge of the Barossa Valley comprising a myriad of soil and rock types including red clays, sands and a deep limestone base (blonde in colour).

It is these unique rocks and soils that help produce riper, plumper, sweeter fruited wine than surrounding vineyards, while still retaining acidity due to the higher limestone content of the soil. *Alex Head*

James Halliday
*Wine Companion*

95 Pts

*“The vineyard in Stone Well at 280m practises sustainable farming techniques, including straw mulches. Open-fermented, 100% whole bunch, matured in French oak, 300 dozen made. Delicious surge/uplift on the finish.”*



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| RAINFALL: | 421ml<br>(April ’17-March ’18 avg. 481ml) |
| VINEYARD: | Stone Well at 280m elevation<br>Sustainable farming, straw-mulching,<br>restricted yields, no synthetic chemicals |
| VARIETAL: | 100% Shiraz (1654 clone) |
| VINE AGE: | 26 years |
| SOIL/ROCK: | Sandy loam and scattered red clay over deep limestone |
| AVG. YIELD: | 2.0t/a or 38hl/h |
| PRODUCTION: | 300 cases |
| VINIFICATION: | 2-5t open top stainless steel, 100% Whole Berry,<br>indigenous yeast, two week ferment, hand-plunging<br>& pumpover twice daily |
| MATURATION: | On fine lees, 40% new French oak mix of 228L & 500L |
| BOTTLING: | June ’19, minimal So2, unfined & unfiltered |
| ACIDITY: | 6.0 g/l |
| ALCOHOL: | 14.2% |

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