

# 2018 The Stray Mongrel Grenache Shiraz Zinfandel

THE ADDITION OF ZINFANDEL TO THE TRADITIONAL BLEND OF GRENACHE AND SHIRAZ IS UNIQUE TO HENTLEY FARM... WITH EACH VARIETY SEPARATELY CRUSHED, FERMENTED AND MATURED, THE STRAY MONGREL DISPLAYS THE LEVEL OF AROMATIC AND FLAVOUR COMPLEXITY YOU WOULD EXPECT FROM A BLEND OF SUCH DIVERSE VARIETALS. IT IS THE PERFECT COMPANION TO A VARIETY OF CULINARY DELIGHTS.



ANDREW QUIN  
Winemaker

## Variety | Blend

Grenache (54%), Shiraz (41%), Zinfandel (5%)

## Pre-Vintage

Rainfall: Late winter rainfall | Consistent Spring rainfall  
Temperature: Warm Spring to early Summer  
Upshot: Healthy leaf canopies | Hot Summer protection | Slow development

## Vintage

Rainfall: Dry Summer and Autumn  
Temperature: Hot January and February | Mild Autumn  
Upshot: Delayed and extended harvest | Vibrant colours and powerful fruit | Wines of power and elegance

## Vineyard

C Block: Very shallow red clay loam overlying shattered limestone | North-south oriented rows | Elevated eastern aspect  
Upshot: Reduced natural vine vigour | Intense and vibrant flavour profile

## Winemaking

Fermentation: De-stemmed | extended skin maceration for 60 days  
Oak: Old French – 70%, old American – 30% | Natural malolactic fermentation | 8 months maturation  
Tech. Analysis: Alcohol – 14.5% | pH – 3.50 | Acid – 6.5g/L | RS – <1 g/L

## Noteworthy Dates

Harvested: 6th March – 17th March 2018 | Bottled: December 2018 | Released: March 2020

## Sensorial Information

Profile: Raspberry | Blueberry | Peppercorn | Nutmeg  
Texture: Soft and even tannins | complex yet balanced | medium bodied

## Characteristics

Animal: Australian Cattle Dog (Blue Heeler)  
Vehicle: Toyota Hilux  
Musical: Snare Drum

## Accolades

Trophy: Best Grenache Dominant Wine of Show – 2019 Marananga Wine Show



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