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FOREST HILL
VINEYARD

2017 'Highbury Fields'



Variety:	Shiraz
Region:	Great Southern
Vineyard(s):	Mount Barker East / Acacia Vineyard
Soil(s):	Gravel & loams over clay
Viticulture:	Sustainable / Organic Practices / Dry grown
Fermentation:	Destemmed / Open / Native
Elevage:	10 months in barrique / hogsheads / larger format
Technical:	ph: 3.65 / TA: 5.80 g/L / Alcohol: 14.5%

"The 2017 growing season in Mount Barker was long and cool, beginning very wet and late. More than 800mm rainfall fell over 2016, well above the yearly average. This initial wet period was broken by a dry period in early Summer, however with moderate temperatures. Good fruit set for most varieties although veraison was late. Periods of light rain in February and March were refreshing especially with the cool temperatures, leading to bright natural acidity." – FH

THE WINE



92 Points

"This excellent value Shiraz from Western Australia's Great Southern region doesn't convey its cool climate origins at first sniff. But give it time in glass or decanter and those initially ripe, primary strawberries and blueberry aromas will morph into more heady floral and spice tones: violets, ground pepper, olives. There's a velvety plushness in the mouth but linearity and focus thanks to a nicely textured grip of spicy savory tannins. Still in its youth, those primary fruits will gain complexity should this be given another few years in bottle." - **Christina Pickard, WE**



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THE WINERY

Established in 1965, Forest Hill Vineyard is Western Australia's oldest cool climate vineyard. Situated 20km west of Mount Barker, the vineyard consists of 40 hectares of dry farmed vines. Forest Hill is family owned and run by the Lyons family, with winemaker Guy Lyons managing the vineyard and winery along with Liam Carmody and Ross Pike. The Lyons family has been farming in the Great Southern for four generations and purchased the Forest Hill Vineyard in 1995. The farming methods are simple—cane pruning with attentive canopy management and shoot positioning. No herbicides are used in the vineyards with livestock running through the vines outside of the growing season. Organic composts and teas are distributed to further improve soil health promoting microbial activity.