



## Frederick Stevenson

2019

# “HONGELL VINEYARD”

Grenache | Barossa Valley - Australia



NATURAL



ORGANIC



VEGAN

### Stats

**Grapes:** 100% Grenache  
**Vineyard:** Hongell Vineyard - Krondorf  
**Vine Age:** 85-years-old  
**Soil Type:** Biscay clay  
**Viticulture:** Practicing Organic  
**Fermentation:** Native – open top, stainless steel (33% whole-cluster)  
**Skin Contact:** 22 days  
**Aging:** 8 months in neutral 500L French tonneau  
**pH:** 3.6  
**Total Acidity:** 5.7 g/L  
**Total SO2:** 33 ppm  
**Total Production:** 201 cases

### Reviews

The Wine Front | 94 points  
Vinous | 92 points  
The Wine Advocate | 94 points

### About

Take everything you know about Barossa Grenache, then forget you know it. That is step one for really enjoying this bottle! There is an air of McLaren Vale-ness to the wine, but with more intensity of fruit (old vine Barossa) but still in a bright, crunchy style. This is by no means a simple wine though. The fruit comes entirely from the ‘Hongell Vineyard’, an old-vine site just south of the historic Barossa region of Tanunda in Krondorf. While the vineyard is not certified, it has been farmed organically for over ten years. Steve loves the grip and density, while being light, this site gives. 2019 had a very dry winter and little rainfall. The low, lying gully of the ‘Hongell Vineyard’ was quite frosty in the spring, producing a very small fruitset. As summer crept in there were 3-4 bands of 100°F temps with rather warm nights. As a result, the tannins were going to be there and nailing the pick date to get natural acid was a must. Mike Bennie of The Wine Front said about this wine it is “showing people how good Barossa grenache can be.”

The fruit was hand-harvested in mid-February, roughly a month earlier than usual, and underwent an overnight cold soak. One-third of the fruit was left intact with the remaining bunches being destemmed but not crushed.

### Tasting Note

“Good gear this. Tannin with roughed up edges, a little jubey fruit character, a big rasp of sweet earthiness, some fleeting cola/cherry characters. It’s all on. The roll of the wine is steady and kind of slow, sits right in medium weight, has some plushness but those tannins tell any flab who’s boss. Perfumed, not pretty, but appropriate and all undergrowthy and inviting. Autumnal in a way. Excellent length. This is a gruntier expression of this wine, but finds all its elements working well. It’s one for outside around the fire. And for showing people just how good Barossa grenache can be.” – Mike Bennie, The Wine Front