Sami-Odi
'Mahé & Ribo'
Syrah

Barossa Valley - Australia 2015

A lot of truly spectacular wines have emerged from the Barossa Valley. However, more recently there has been one man who is doing his own thing, pushing for ever-more pure and balanced wines: Fraser McKinley. His experience working with the Standish Wine Company and Torbreck Vintners, gave him the tools to embark on a new endeavor in 2006; a small winery, that goes by the curious name of Sami-Odi. He produces minuscule quantities of Syrah of the highest order. McKinley's motivation is to make wines that don't have acid additions, with a very steady eye on picking based on pH, 'this is so much more important for me, and it's based on a stylistic choice. pH for me is the most important part – it gives me a rough idea where I will end up,' says McKinley. The wines are picked earlier than most in the Barossa, generally in February, which sounds extraordinary, but it seems to work from this site.

This is a vintage account of the Hoffmann's oldest vines yielded from the bountiful and substantial 2015 growing season. It's a decadent wine which feels both lavish and congenial and whilst immediately offering enjoyment is pleading for some peaceful cellar time. It should be fascinating to ponder over the coming decades.

A composition of McKinley's most poignant and superlative casks and a celebration of the birth of his cheeky and joyous twin boys Mahé & Ribo. Procured from the two oldest sections within the Hoffmann families 'Dallwitz' vineyard, the vines are both planted on their own roots in 1927 & the oldest vines between 1888 & 1912.

These 15 Burgundian Pièces were carefully assembled and bottled amidst the spring of 2016 after enduring their 79 week elevage. Bottles were filled without filtration, fining or sparging (the removal of naturally occurring oxygen & Co2) and all transfers were completed via gravity prior to bottling.

Composition
100% Syrah

Soil Type
Fractured Red Clay & Ironstone

Vine Age
Varied: Average 65 years old

Élevage
Average 16 months in French barrique (20% new)

Yields
Average 1 ton per acre

Production
4398 bottles

Tasting Notes
"Deliciously dark ruby in color with red currants, blackberries blueberries, dark plums, cassis, and licorice. Fragrant, floral and spice driven in style, this is vibrant and fresh wine with a subtle savouriness that is complimented by fine silky tannins."

Reviews
The Wine Front (Mike Bennie) | 94+ points
James Suckling | 97 points