

Tasting Notes

Made from **old vines** grown on the family vineyards, the 2015 Semillon is very much in the Schrapel family tradition of championing **food-friendly** wines. The **nose** displays **zesty aromas of grapefruit, apples and pears with just a hint of lime**. The **palate** tastes of **delicate flavours of lemon and gooseberries with a refreshingly crisp finish** - all of which indicates a potential for **graceful bottle ageing**.

A versatile wine which will complement most white meat dishes. Try with Atlantic salmon and fresh garden salad.

Vineyard Notes

The fruit is sourced from the Schrapel family vineyards along the Barossa Foothills. The vineyards are traditionally hand rod and spur pruned to 70 buds per vine to regulate and promote balanced growth. Vines are grown in red brown earth with a limestone subsoil.

Vintage Report

This year's vintage will be remembered as one of the shortest and fastest we have experienced in years. In spring, near perfect, mild ripening conditions continued through to December/January with below average temperatures.

In the second week of January, Bethany Wines recorded 47mm of rainfall at our Barossa Ranges vineyards replenishing soil moisture and setting up the vines for perfect ripening conditions. The warmer weather in February accelerated ripening with vintage starting at on 31st January. Ripening nearly one month earlier than usual, we finished hand picking the last fruit by end of March.

In summary the **2015 indicates a great vintage with both above average grape yields and high quality fruit from our old established vineyards.**

Winemaking Report

Grapes were crushed immediately after they were picked in the night. The juice was fermented for 18 days at 13-15 degrees in stainless steel using a selected yeast to enhance flavour and mouth feel. Limited portions were aged in French oak for a short period lees stirring has also added to the complexity of the wine.

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Bethany 2015 Semillon

Region

Barossa

Blend

100% Semillon

Acidity

7.4g/L

Alcohol/Volume

12.6%

Residual Sugar

0.5g/L

Wine Maker

Geoff and Robert Schrapel

