



# Tait

## The Wild Ride GSM 2015



**Winemaker:** Bruno Tait  
**Appellation:** Barossa Valley  
**Varietal:** 60% Shiraz, 20% Grenache and 20% Mataro  
**Yields per Acre:** 2-3.5 tones per acre  
**Cases Produced:** 1,000  
**Filtration and fining:** n/a  
**Wood treatment:** Combination of new (20%)  
and 1-2 year old American (80%) oak  
**Length of barrel maturation:** 12 months.

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**Alcohol:** 15.9%  
**Total Acid:** 5.88  
**Free/Total Sulfur:** 33/70  
**pH:** 3.48  
**Residual Sugar:** 1.5

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**Winemaker Notes:** All grapes are picked when physiologically ripe to obtain peak ripeness in terms of sugar and flavor. The grapes are de-stemmed into fermenters, pH is adjusted and fermentation takes place over 7-10 days at a temperature of approx 24 degrees centigrade. Plunging and or pumping over takes place 3 times a day. The wine is then pressed using a Basket Press. Juice is then transferred to tank or Barrel to undergo Malo-lactic fermentation. Each batch is kept separate to determine on a year by year basis the quality of the fruit from that vineyard.

All wine is raked and returned to barrel 2 to 3 times during the 12 month period to ensure a clean wine that does not need any fining or filtration.

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**Score(s): 90 pts Robert Parker** - Tait's 2015 The Wild Ride is a blend of 60% Shiraz, 20% Grenache and 20% Mataro. It boasts hints of vanilla and graham crackers on the nose, alongside notes of mulberries and plums. A big, full-bodied wine at 15.9% alcohol, it's nevertheless reasonably light on the palate, with just a touch of warmth on the supple finish.