

BAROSSA VALLEY

# SCHILD

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Schild Estate Wines are created with an authenticity and passion that comes from generations of a family who have made their home in the Southern Barossa.

## 2017 Ben Schild Reserve Shiraz

### The Vineyard

Named after Ed Schild's grandson, Angus, and the Scottish word 'Brae' meaning a steep hillside, this vineyard is located 4 km north of the Lyndoch Township. This relatively young vineyard is managed to suit the soil profile and terroir ensuring premium fruit is produced. The vineyard was purchased by the Schild family in December 2001.

### The Vintage

Decent amounts of replenishing winter and spring rain was followed by mild December and January temperatures. All of this ensured favourable ripening conditions, a measured pace to proceedings and a later start to harvest than recently seen. As a result, the balanced development of sugar and flavours in the fruit along with the retention of natural grape acid were the order of the day and ensured the resulting red wines from the region in 2017 look layered and pretty.

### Technical Notes

Harvested and then crushed into traditional open top fermenters. The wine undergoes pre-fermentation cold soak and is then either gently pumped over to obtain optimal colour and retain complex fruit flavours. Additional post fermentation maceration usually occurs before the wine is drained and pressed to barrel. Free run and pressings are usually kept separate and a combination of new and aged oak barrels are used for a maturation of between 18-24 months. The wine is then blended from a combination of single vineyard shiraz that has been aged separately in French, American and Hungarian Oak.

### Tasting Notes

Deep ruby, purple in colour, quickly revealing inviting creamy dark berry fruit aromas. Whilst these fruit aromas show depth and intensity, they also have a vibrancy and brightness. On the palate, a smooth mouth-filling attack of layered dark plums, blackcurrant and chocolate notes is surrounded by a super fined tannin frame. This ensures a genuine sense of softness and balance to the wine as it travels through the palate with the fruit presence rolling to the back end through a veiled frame. Reasonably coiled in its youth we would expect this wine to open up further over the next few years.

### Cellaring

Drink now to 2027

### Accolades & Awards

GOLD | Mundus Vini 2020  
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Varietal: 100% Shiraz

Region: Barossa Valley, South Australia

Vineyard: Angus Brae

Soil Type: Sandy Loam

Oak: New to Twice Aged French, American & Hungarian Oak Hogsheads

#### Analyses

Alc/Vol: 14.5%

pH: 3.60

Titrateable Acid: 6.6g/L

Food Paring: Osso Bucco

Winemaker: Scott Hazeldine