

BAROSSA VALLEY

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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.

2018 Prämie Shiraz

The Vineyard

The Narrow Road Vineyard sits high on the hills behind the township of Rowland Flat. The vines grown adjacent to the original Schild homestead that was purchased and settled by Ben and Alma Schild in 1952 on what was historically known as 'Narrow Road'

The Vintage

Reasonable spring and winter rain saw adequate soil moisture and healthy canopies heading into the growing season. January and February were dry, slowing the pace of ripening down and keeping yields lower than initially predicted. Moisture and canopy management were therefore key to reducing stress and maintaining health. When that was achieved the red wines produced from the region in 2018 are of high quality and show genuine promise early on.

Technical Notes

Hand harvested and then crushed into traditional open top fermenters, the wine undergoes pre-fermentation cold soak and is then either gently pumped over or punched down by hand according to winemaker specifications so as to obtain optimal colour and retain complex fruit flavours. Additional post fermentation maceration usually occurs before the wine is then drained and pressed to barrel. Free run and pressings are usually kept separate and combination of new and aged oak are barrels for maturation of between 18-24 months. The wine is then prepared for bottling with some seeing some further time in bottle prior to release.

Tasting Notes

Aromatically complex and layered this wine shows intense primary fruit notes of blackberries, dark plums and blueberries before more earthy, mineral hints of ferrous earth and boot polish tantalisingly and fleetingly appear. The same controlled fruit profile seen on the nose is joined by some dark chocolate notes on the palate where it rolls though in enticing creamy waves. A sense of genuine control is provided by a subtle, fine tannin frame which ensures the fruit is sufficiently pinned in and working towards a focused end point.

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Drink now to 2030



Varietal: 100% Shiraz

Region: Barossa Valley, South Australia

Vineyard: Narrow Road Vineyard

Oak: New to Twice Aged French Oak Hogsheads

Analyses

Alc/Vol: 14.5%

pH: 3.63

Titrateable Acid: 65.9g/L

Food Paring: BBQ ribs or slow-cooked beef brisket

Winemaker: Scott Hazeldine & James Adams

