

## 2017 'WILTON HILL'

### Shiraz

BAROSSA RANGES



Wilton Hill has been a 15 year project to this point. An opportunity for us to really flex, show site and talk about what is really possible within our beloved Barossa. We feel the vineyard story and journey of this wine is worth telling.

#### Notes on the Wilton Hill Property:

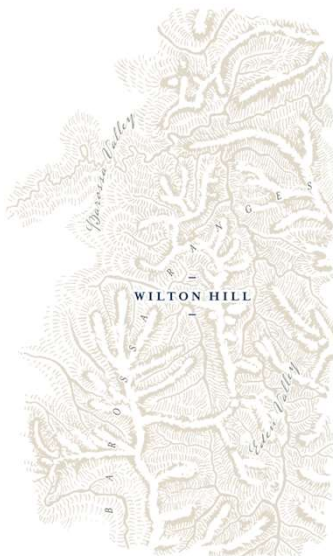
'Wilton' was an old town in Flaxman Valley and the vineyard was planted on the Hill above the town, hence the property name 'Wilton Hill'.

The property covers 250 acres and was originally part of the largest land holding within Flaxman Valley of approximately 4000 acres by the Pohlner family who were original settlers in 1852. The current owners are the Mattschoss Family who are 6<sup>th</sup> generation farmers of the Barossa.

The property boasts 84 acres under vine, 8 varieties with 11 clones of Shiraz. Once a Gold-Mine with 40 workers there are many natural springs and also ancient Yacca plants which are protected (can be up to 500 years old). The vineyards are farmed sustainably and use organic practices. The oldest vines are 106 years and a small Shiraz block planted in 1929 provides the fruit for HEAD Wines 'Wilton Hill' Shiraz. 35% of HEAD Wines total production comes off the Wilton Hill property. The 'Wilton Hill' Shiraz sits at the top of the 'Icon Range' of HEAD Wines and represents less than 0.5% of total production. The 'Wilton Hill' label design shows the word 'Wilton Hill' as an ambigram representing the vineyard's unique view of both the Barossa & Eden Valleys from atop the Barossa Ranges.

The 2017 vintage of 'Wilton Hill' will be released in August of 2021 with 3 years of bottle age.

*Very deep, youthful purple/red hue, with essency dark plum, dried herb and black cherry aromas, including a distinctive note of thyme. The palate is full-bodied and quite muscular, powerful and concentrated, but quite elegantly stated, without too-obvious oak, while the tannins are supple and measured. A delicious wine. Very Eden Valley in its aroma profile. Cellaring is strongly recommended, although it's a style that is approachable and highly enjoyable already. 97Pts Huon Hooke*



RAINFALL:	784ml (April 16-March 17 avg. 481ml)
VINEYARD:	'Wilton Hill Vineyards' at 500m elevation on the Barossa Ranges Farmed sustainably with organic principles.
VARIETAL:	100% Shiraz (EVOV Clone)
VINE AGE:	90 years
SOIL/ROCK:	Red clay loam, ironstone/quartz over orange clays
AVG. YIELD:	<1.0t/a
PRODUCTION:	568 bottles, 50 Magnums, 6 Double Mags, 6 x 6L, 1 x 9L
VINIFICATION:	Small open top fermenter, indigenous yeast, 100% whole-bunch fermentation, two week ferment, foot-treading & hand-plunging, basket press.
MATURATION:	18 months in 100% New Troncais barrique
BOTTLING:	September 18, Minimal So2
ACIDITY:	5.5g/l
ALCOHOL:	14.5%