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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.

2019 Barossa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon The Vineyard

This Cabernet Sauvignon comes from a combination of three of the Schild Estate vineyards; 'Angus Brae', 'Narrow Road' and 'Three Springs'. Angus Brae is located in Altona between Rowland Flat and Lyndoch, named after Ed Schild's grandson. Narrow Road Vinevard sits high on the hills behind the township of Rowland Flat, adjacent to the original Schild homestead that was purchased and settled by Ben and Alma Schild in 1952. Three Springs Farm is also close to the original family Estate. At 380m above sea level these are traditionally much lower yielding than those planted on the Barossa floor producing fruit of a higher quality.

The Vintage

The 2019 growing season commenced with a warmer than average winter and spring before a combination of a couple of hot spells followed by near perfect conditions later in the season as we closed in on harvest dates. This resulted in some early harvest sugar accumulation in some blocks without necessarily the required flavour development in the grapes. A year when there was no substitute for winemakers spending significant time in the vineyards. If this was done and canopies and moisture was managed well, the flavour components did catch up and whilst yields were low, the resulting quality was very good.

Technical Notes

This wine is fermented in stainless steel open fermenters before undergoing secondary malolactic fermentation in new and seasoned French oak hogsheads. There is a focus on minimal handling and the use of oak for structural framing rather than imparting significant oak flavour. The wine is matured for 12-14 months in barrel before usually undergoing a light filtration and fining if deemed appropriate prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

Deep, ruby, purple in colour. Aromatically the wine is marked but wafts of creamy, but balanced, dark plum, blackcurrant fruit and aniseed. Once on the palate the same controlled primary plum fruit re-appears where it sits alongside more fleeting glimpses of pine needle spice, boot polish and a slight ferrous note. A bright acid line and a super fine, but ever-present tannin frame provide focus and a sense of tension to the wine particularly in its youth.

Accolades & Awards

90 POINTS - The Real Review, Huon Hooke



Video Tasting Notes with winemaker Scott Hazeldine

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Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Region: Barossa Valley, South Australia

Vinevards: Angus Brae, Narrow Road, Three Springs.

Oak: New & Seasoned French Oak Hogsheads.

Analyses

Alc/Vol: 14.5% pH: 3.58

Titratable Acid: 6.1g/L

Food Paring: Rack of lamb

Cellaring: Drink now to 2029

Winemaker: Scott Hazeldine & James Adams