

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.

2019 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

The 2019 growing season commenced with a warmer than average winter and spring before the combination of a couple of hot spells followed by near perfect conditions eventuated 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 caught up and, whilst yields were low, the resulting quality was very good.

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 layered where intense aromas of freshly picked winter hedgerow blackberries sit alongside notes of dark plums and blueberries, glimpses of freshly scraped vanilla pods and a crunchy red apple lift to finish. On the palate the same fruit and vanilla profile seen on the nose remains present again where it is now joined by more savoury flavours of boot polish and a mineral ferrous quality often seen in previous vintages of this wine. A very resolved tannin frame ensures a genuine sense of balance and restraint is very evident as the wine travels through the mouth and hints at the impact the elevation of the vineyard site has on the resulting wine.



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: 3.41

Titrateable Acid: 6.5g/L

Food Paring: BBQ ribs or slow-cooked beef brisket

Cellaring: Drink now to 2031

Winemaker: Scott Hazeldine