



HILLS SERIES SYRAH

VINTAGE: 2020

VARIETY: Syrah 100%

CLONES: 1127

VINEYARD: Balhannah, Adelaide Hills

SOIL TYPE: Well-drained light brown clay with shale fragments overlying a schist and Ironstone rock bed.

ELEVATION: 420m

CONDITIONS: North facing vineyard

PICKING DATE: 13/04/20

ALCOHOL: 13.9%

pH: 3.55

TA: 6.1

WINEMAKING: After being run across the sorting table the whole berries tipped directly into the open fermenter. Wild fermentation began within a day. The fruit was hand plunged twice daily until dry after which it was pressed off to French oak 500L puncheons for 16 months maturation. A tiny blend of the 3 barrels showed excellent lively fruit, tight structure from the large format oak, with a single new barrel providing dense tannin structure and toasted flavours.

TASTING NOTES: Ink black with violet hues. A perfumed and spicy syrah, with blueberry, liquorice and nutmeg. Medium-bodied in style. The palate is concentrated and silky, with finely structured tannins, bright fruit characters, wonderful elegance and depth. Stored carefully, this wine will age gracefully for ten years.