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*Metala*

### METALA WILLIAM FORMBY SHIRAZ 2021

Metala is a historic single vineyard in South Australia's Langhorne Creek and includes the oldest family-owned Cabernet Sauvignon vines in the world. Wines are handcrafted by fifth generation custodian Guy Adams, with an 'always faithful' Australian spirit.

The William Formby collection is named after Guy's Great Great Grandfather, South Australian pioneer and Metala founder William Formby. Each wine is expertly crafted to showcase the best of this historic single vineyard and includes parcels of fruit from the original plantings in 1891.

#### 2021 VINTAGE CONDITIONS

We began with a spring that was warm and dry which led into an unusual start to January and February with a few heat spikes followed by some light rains. This delayed harvest a little, but as the weather conditions stabilised and with warm days and lovely cool nights helping retain the natural acidity, we resumed a more 'normal' picking time that we hadn't seen for nearly a decade. Overall, we saw what we believe to be almost perfect ripening.

#### WINEMAKING

The William Formby Shiraz is sourced from five exceptional blocks within the single vineyard. Each parcel is individually managed in the winery and kept separate until final blend. Upon reaching the winery it received a 12-15 day maceration with minimal racking and handling. This is partly due to the uniquely designed gravity 'lift' tank in the winery, ensuring a soft winemaking style to the wine. Maturation was in French oak puncheons and seasoned French and American barriques for 18 months.

**Appearance:** The wine presents a deep and bright magenta color, captivating the eyes with its intense and alluring hue. Its vibrancy hints at the richness and depth that lie within.

**Bouquet:** Prepare for a brooding and enticing bouquet that unfolds with each inhale. The aroma is filled with luscious blackberries and ripe plums, exuding a sense of opulence and abundance. A subtle hint of mocha adds a touch of richness and depth, complementing the dark fruit notes. As the bouquet evolves, a delicate touch of mint and spice emerges, providing a refreshing and aromatic complexity. The experience is rounded off with a soft purple violet perfume, adding a floral elegance to the overall bouquet.

**Palate:** this wine is a true powerhouse, delivering both elegance and complexity. Dark juicy fruits take the lead, their flavors intertwining with richness and intensity. As the wine progresses on the mid-palate, a delightful richness of spice emerges, adding layers of complexity and intrigue. The wine showcases a beautifully structured nature, with fine but firm tannins that contribute to a velvety texture and provide a solid framework. The finish is long and persistent, leaving a lasting impression of the wine's depth and character.

**Food and Wine match:** Try a Slow Cooked Bolognese.

**Alc: 14.5% | pH: 3.54 | TA: 6.4**