

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 Barossa Valley Merlot

The Vineyard

The Three Springs vineyard is where the original Schild family estate is located. Situated on historic Narrow Road at Rowland Flat, this vineyard sits at 380 metres above sea level. Vineyards at this altitude are traditionally much lower yielding than vineyards planted on the Barossa Valley floor meaning the grapes from these vines are regarded as higher quality fruit.

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 all 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

Aromatic glimpses of dark plum fruit and chocolate on the nose also appear on the palate. A front and mid palate which is marked by pillow soft mouthfeel and a glimpse of creamy texture is then enveloped and complemented by a fine tannin focus and a vibrant acid line to keep the wine targeted and focussed.

Cellaring

Drink now to 2029



Varietal: 100% Merlot

Region: Barossa Valley, South Australia

Vineyard: Three Springs

Oak: New & Seasoned French Oak Hogsheads.

Analyses

Alc/Vol: 14.5%

pH: 3.47

Titrateable Acid: 6.7g/L

Food Paring: Mexican Beef Burritos

Winemaker: Scott Hazeldine