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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.

2018 Moorooroo Shiraz

The Vineyard

This irreplaceable vineyard was planted in 1847 by pioneering woman Ann Jacob, just eleven years after the foundation of South Australia putting them amongst the oldest in the world. Situated between Jacob's Creek and the North Para River the vineyard gets its name from the Indigenous word 'Moorooroo' meaning 'meeting of two waters'.

The Vintage

Reasonable spring and winter rain saw adequate soil moisture during the growing season with healthy canopies heading into the growing season. January and February were dry, slowing the pace of ripening down and keeping yields lower than initially predicted. Moisture and canopy management were therefore key to reducing stress and maintaining health. When that was achieved the red wines produced from the region in 2018 are of high quality and showing genuine promise early on.

Technical Notes

Hand harvested and then crushed into traditional open top fermenters, the wine undergoes pre-fermentation cold soak before being 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 a combination of new and aged oak barrels are used for a maturation of between 18-24 months. The wine is then prepared for bottling before seeing some further time in bottle prior to release.

Tasting Notes

Aromatically the wine is marked by intense aromas of creamy, dark berry fruit, chocolate and fresh vanilla bean with a fleeting glimpse of the exotic dried spice jar. On the palate the wine opens with an unctuous mouth filling attack, whilst still showing fresh and balanced without any hint of heaviness. Primary dark fruit remains ever present and a super fine tannin frame pins in the fruit just enough to provide a focused end point for the line of travel.

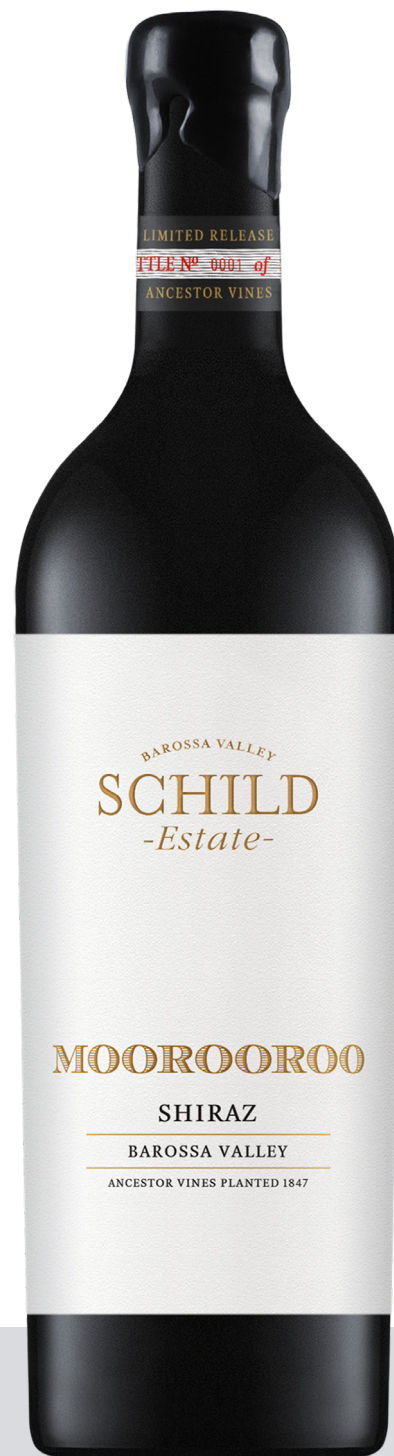
More tightly coiled in its youth than some other vintages the wine will benefit from some cellaring or a decant.

Cellaring

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Accolades & Awards

- 98 POINTS - Andrew Caillard MW, 2021
- 96+ POINTS - Gary Walsh, *The Wine Front* 2021
- 95 POINTS - Mike Bennie, *WBM May/June* 2021
- 92 POINTS - Huon Hooke, *The Real Review* 2021



Varietal: 100% Shiraz

Region: Barossa Valley, South Australia

Vineyard: Moorooroo

Vines: Ancestor Vines

Oak: New to Twice Aged French Oak Hogsheads

Analyses

Alc/Vol: 14.5%

pH: 3.58

Titrateable Acid: 6.1g/L

Food Paring: Roast beef with all the trimmings.

Winemaker: Scott Hazeldine