

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.

2020 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

2020 was a year that presented some early season challenges. A lack of rainfall and heat meant yields were significantly lower than average. However, almost ideal conditions prevailed towards the back end of the growing season in late January and February. These were a welcome arrival allowing grapevines to relax and flavours to develop slowly and steadily towards the onset of harvest. In addition, the milder late season conditions ensured that natural acid levels remained high, and winemakers had time in which to operate and make optimum harvest decisions. Small yields but genuinely high quality were the hallmarks of 2020.

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

Inviting notes of creamy freshly scraped vanilla pods and a melange of dark compote fruit draws the drinker in to discover more. Once in the mouth, flavours of blood plums and blackberries are supported by classic Shiraz notes of coffee bean and subtle pepper spice. There is a depth and chewiness to the palate which hints at the quality of fruit, but also a brightness and vitality that is derived from the elevated location of the vineyard site. The fruit rolls out though the back of palate all the while encapsulated by a well resolved tannin frame which will soften over time in the cellar.



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: 3.62

Titrateable Acid: 5.6g/L

Food Paring: BBQ ribs or slow-cooked beef brisket

Cellaring: Drink now to 2032

Winemaker: Scott Hazeldine