



THE WILLOWS VINEYARD

2017 Shiraz

The Willows has been our home since 1845, when `JG` Scholz first arrived in the Barossa. Seven generations on, we continue to farm our unique parcel of land in the Barossa.

Variety

100% Shiraz - Single block

Vineyard

Our estate shiraz fruit is sourced from 2-3 different shiraz blocks across our vineyard. The differences in soil type, clone, microclimate and management between each block helps build complexity in the final blend. Vine age varies from 16 - 51 years old. Soils vary in depth, colour and texture but are predominantly sandy loam over red clay.

Vintage

A standout vintage with high quality fruit. The 2015/16 growing season yielded a warm, dry spring with good conditions for flowering and fruit set. Mild Summer weather and timely rain were ideal for ripening coupled with generous yields.

Winemaking

Destemmed and fermented to dryness. 12 days total on skins. Basket pressed to tank. Upon completion of MLF transferred to barrel for 24 months in French & American Oak hogsheads.

Tasting Notes

Dense crimson in the glass, our Shiraz shows aromatics of berry fruits, a touch of dark chocolate and earth with hints of sweet spice. Soft and velvety on the palate, the dark fruits intensify to reveal great depth of flavour. The wines generosity is neatly framed with soft, ripe tannins that lend great length and structure to the wine.

‘Boasts a lifted floral nose evocative of a cooler zone than the Barossa. The colour too....is vital mid ruby. Blueberry, smoked backstrap, aniseed and briar skirt, along rails of juicy acidity and fine boned tannins. The oak is buried. This is a delicious and elegant wine, offering solid value.’

92 points

Halliday Wine Companion 2019

‘Wonderfully ripe and perfumed, the bouquet shows black/blueberry, olive, vanillan oak and toasted spice aromas, leading to an impressively weighted palate that’s beautifully rounded and fleshy. It’s flavoursome, and textural with seductive complexity, making it fabulously drinkable.’

At its best now to 2032

94 points

Sam Kim/WINE ORBIT 2020

