



THE
WILLOWS
VINEYARD

2018 `Bonesetter` Shiraz

Variety

100% Shiraz - Single Vineyard

Vineyard

This flagship from the Willows Vineyard is a tribute to `JG`, his sons and grandsons who ran the Willows Hospital for more than 100 years. Planted in 1969, this small Shiraz block consistently grows some of the best fruit from our vineyard each year. Clone unknown, the vineyard is planted on red brown sandy loam soil over red clay, producing small loose bunches with great concentration of flavour.

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 conditions and timely rain in Summer saw ideal conditions for ripening, coupled with generous yields.

Winemaking

Hand-picked, destemmed to small open fermenters. Hand plunged and fermented to dryness, 12 days total on skins. Basket pressed to barrel. MLF completed in barrel. 24 months in 60% new, tight grained French Oak Hogs Heads & Demi Muids.

Tasting Notes

This wine shows typical Barossa voluptuous richness and structure, intense and powerful ripe fruit along with supporting fine tannins and stylish savoury oak. It is a multi-layered powerhouse that will reward those who cellar it well.

`This is a typical Barossa heavyweight. Christmas cake spice, dried fruits, bitter chocolate and coffee grind tannins laced with oaky vanillans, it pulls few punches. While powerful, this is far from drying or exaggerated. There is real vinosity and good flow across a long finish. All components in sync.`

95 points

Halliday 2019 RED HOT & RATED

`A magnificently styled Shiraz, it's powerful and opulent with refinement and sophistication. The richly fragrant bouquet shows dark fruit intensity with cocoa, cake spice, cedar and violet notes, leading to a concentrated palate that delivers outstanding depth and density. It's wonderfully harmonious and balanced with plush texture and velvety tannins, ensuring its graceful development.`

96 points

At its best :2022 to2038

Sam Kim/ WINE ORBIT 2019

