



THE WILLOWS VINEYARD

2019 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 Vineyard
Light Pass Barossa Valley

Vineyard

Our Estate Shiraz fruit is sourced from 2-3 different Shiraz blocks across our vineyard. The difference in soil type, clone, micro-climate and management between each block helps build complexity in the final blend. Vine age varies from 17-53 years. Soils vary but are predominantly sandy loam over red clay.

Vintage

The 2019 Barossa Valley vintage is shaping up to be a stand-out, with strong indications of very high quality but with below average yields. The growing season started dry and continued that way. If the frosts in Sept & November, and dry conditions were not enough, the flowering period was windy and unsettled, and a hailstorm on 22 November topped it all off. The summer months of December and January experienced above average temperatures. February, thankfully, was cooler than January, with close to average maximums and below average minimums. This was the saving of many vineyards, the timing perfect for ripening their smaller crops quickly in February and March. By the end of March almost all the Barossa Valley grapes were harvested – one of the earliest on record. Resulting yields are very variable; in most vineyards below average, in many well below. The good news is that flavours and colours (in reds) and overall quality is exceptional.

Winemaking

Destemmed and fermented to dryness. 8 days total on skins. Basket pressed to tank. Upon completion of MLF transferred to barrel for 24 months in French and American Oak hogsheads. Winemakers-Peter & Jack Scholz

Tasting Notes

Our Shiraz shows aromatics of berry fruits, a touch of dark chocolate and earth with hints of sweet cedar spice. Soft and velvety on the palate, the dark fruits intensify to reveal great depth of flavour. The wine is generous with neatly framed soft, ripe tannins that lend great length and structure to the wine.
ALC 14.5 %
Vegan Friendly

