



# THE WILLOWS VINEYARD

## 2022 G7 Grenache

*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% Grenache  
Old Vine-Single Block  
Light Pass Barossa Valley

### **Vineyard**

Planted in 1969 by 5<sup>th</sup> generation Dr W.H `Bert` Scholz. Our Grenache grows on sand over deep alluvial soil in a loop of the North Para River. The Grenache thrives on the free draining sand and experiences the cool gully breezes that follow the North Para out of the hills.

### **Vintage 21/22**

Above average 2021 winter rainfall and a cool, slow start to the growing season resulted in budburst occurring slightly later than average. Frost in early October impacted the northern Barossa Valley and was then followed by an extreme hail event late October, which weaved across the valley. A wetter end to spring supported the regrowth of the hail damaged canopies, but significant crop potential was lost. Cold, wet weather mid-November coincided with flowering, which impacted fruit set. December and January saw a burst of summer without extremes, however the beginning of vintage brought rain and some hail to pockets of the valley. The mild and dry conditions that followed were ideal, however the cumulative impact of the regions weather events resulted in lower yields across the region.

### **Winemaking**

Fruit was picked across 2 separate dates. An early picking targeting fragrant, bright fruit and a second pick targeting more depth and structure. Fermentation occurred in small batch, open fermenters. There were 4 batches in total with varying levels of whole bunch (25-100 %): or extended maceration (~35 days). Whole bunch fermentation adding length and softness to the structure of the wine. All batches were basket pressed to seasoned French oak for 8 months prior to blending and bottling.

### **Tasting Notes**

Opens with lifted red fruits, lavender florals, and savoury spice. The palate reveals red licorice and raspberry that progresses to more complex, savoury notes of earth, graphite and peppercorn spice. Structurally the tannins are ruffled, running long and even.

ALC 14.6 %

Vegan Friendly

Winemaker: Jack Scholz

