



THE WILLOWS VINEYARD



2021 `Bonesetter 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

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. Cone unknown, the vineyard is planted on red brown loamy soil over red clay, producing small loose bunches with great concentration of flavour.

Vintage 2020/21

The 2021 vintage was exceptional and will be remembered for excellent quality wines from the Barossa valley. Bud burst occurred mid-September, with flowering following mid-November. Spring was wet, but we finished with a dry summer, the mild temperatures resulting in a long, even ripening period, giving the grapes the chance to develop maximum flavour, whilst retaining freshness. Harvest began in February, and finished at the start of April, with conditions that can only be described as perfect with mild to warm days, no heat spikes, lovely cool nights combining for a lovely pace to vintage 2021! As good as it gets!

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 hogsheads & Demi-Muids. Secondary fermentation in barrel before 8 months of maturation prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

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

ALC 14.5%
Vegan Friendly
Winemakers: Peter & Jack Scholz