



THE WILLOWS VINEYARD



2023 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 5th 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 2022/23

The 2023 vintage required patience. After a typical Barossa winter in 2022 of average rainfall and temperatures, the arrival of Spring brought above average rainfall and record-breaking low temperatures, which led to significant delays in shoot growth and bud burst. The entire growing season proved mild and temperate, resulting in a long slow ripening season with remarkable acid retention in the grapes. The hallmark of 2023 is an abundance of intense aromatics, matched with a rich spectrum of flavours and fine natural acidity that extends across the board... All hallmarks of an exceptional vintage.

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.

"Single Vineyard Grenache from a single vineyard in Light pass. Mid magenta, crimson with a very perfumed, musk and purple floral flecked aromatic profile, with ripe plum, raspberry and dried cranberry at its core. Gingery spice lies beneath with hints of citrus blossom, turned earth, charcuterie, pressed wildflowers and Peking duck. Pure, wonderfully balanced and dangerously easy to drink, its lovely stuff."

Dave Brooks Halliday Wine Companion Aug 2024 – 94 points

ALC 14.2 %
Vegan Friendly
Winemaker: Jack Scholz