



THE WILLOWS VINEYARD



2023 SEMILLON

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% Semillon
Single Vineyard, Old Vine
Light Pass Barossa Valley

Vineyard

Planted in 1936 by 4th generation Herbert Bernhard Scholz. The old Semillon block has seen many seasons come and go, and is a consistent producer of high-quality fruit, grown on a mixture of deep alluvial soil and red brown loam over clay on the banks of the North Para River.

Vintage 2023

The 2023 vintage required patience. After a typical Barossa winter in 2022, the arrival of Spring brought above average rainfall and record-breaking low temperatures, which led to significant delay 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

Whole bunches are promptly pressed, chilled and drained, retaining only free run juice. Juice is cold settled before a clean rack to ferment. Inoculated, then cool fermented in stainless steel. Soon after fermentation is complete the wine is stabilized and bottled to retain freshness and vibrancy.

Tasting Notes

Aromatics of lemongrass, ginger, spring blossoms and classic lemon and lime. Fresh citrus flavours and tight, vibrant acid structure are the hallmarks on the palate. The finish is clean and long with fruit and acid working in harmony. Semillon always rewards patient cellaring.

Shh... I think these semillons from willows in Light Pass are a bit of a secret; 87-year-old vines and just beautiful drinking. They are coiled and wonderfully focused with pure, lemony fruits, hints of lemongrass, stone, white flowers, lemon butter, marzipan and a whiff of ginger and distant lanolin. Minerally, briny and sapid; its great stuff and a seriously undervalued white wine that is just perfect with oysters and grilled seafood. Dave Brooks Halliday wine Companion Aug 2024 93 points

ALC 10.8 %

Winemakers: Peter & Jack Scholz