



THE WILLOWS VINEYARD



2023 CABERNET

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% Cabernet Sauvignon
Single Vineyard,
Light Pass Barossa Valley

Vineyard

Planted in 1969 by 5th generation Dr W.H (Bert) Scholz. Our Cabernet block is grown over alluvial soil in a loop of the North-Para River which winds its way through the property. This vineyard, shaded by eucalypts, with cooling gully breezes that follow the river down through the hills, exhibits all the hall marks of `terroir` because of its unique position.

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

Destemmed and fermented to dryness. 8 days total on skins. Basket pressed to tank. Upon completion of MLF transferred to barrel for 16 months maturation in French oak hogsheads. We intend for the wine to be approachable as a young wine, but with ample structure to allow for cellaring.

Tasting Notes

Shiraz might hold celebrity status, but we believe Barossa Cabernet is hugely underrated! Deep crimson, the wine shows beautifully lifted aromas of blackberry, spiced cherry and mint chocolate. The palate delivers fruit generosity with savoury spice adding further depth and complexity. The wine's silky texture and fine tannin structure gives the wine an age worthy framework.

Effortless to drink-a perfect match to lamb roast!

ALC 14.0 %

Vegan friendly

Winemakers: Peter & Jack Scholz