



THE WILLOWS VINEYARD



2024 Mataro

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% Mataro
Single Vineyard,
Light Pass Barossa Valley

Vineyard

Planted in 1970 by 5th generation Dr W.H (Bert) Scholz. Our Mataro block grows on a gentle, east facing slope moving away from the North Para River. The block is predominantly red sandy loam over red clay with a vein of ironstone gravel.

Vintage 2024

After a late 2023 vintage, 2024 proved to be the opposite. A dry winter and spring made the vines work during the early part of the growing season. Bud burst occurred about 3 weeks earlier than the previous year. Beautiful clear spring days were followed with some cold, frosty nights. Through December and January beautiful weather saw vines flourish. 2024 quality across the board looks exceptional.

Winemaking

Handpicked, fruit was divided into 2 batches for fermentation; 25% whole bunch and completely destemmed. The whole bunch portion adding floral, lifted aromatics while the destemmed portion shows more depth and pure fruit flavours. 10-12 days on skins with hand plunging for the destemmed portion and gentle pump overs for the whole bunch portion. Basket pressed to seasoned French Oak. Secondary fermentation in barrel before 8 months of maturation prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

Bright red fruits and violet florals on the nose, with savoury, wild spice and earthy notes adding another layer. Vibrant fruit, red forest berries, clove spice and an even web of fine grain tannin on the palate. The savoury, gamey, smokey elements build in the glass, with bright fruit and fresh acid the perfect balancing partners.

ALC 14.0 %
Vegan friendly
Winemakers: Jack Scholz