

`M3` Adelaide Hills Chardonnay 2016

Adelaide Hills, South Australia, Australia



PRODUCER

The dynamic partnership of cousins Martin Shaw and Michael Hill Smith MW began in 1989 when the duo decided to realise their dream of making wine together. A talent for wine runs in this family, with Martin honing his craft at the University of Bordeaux, and Michael being the first Australian to pass the Master of Wine exams in 1988. Since founding Shaw + Smith, their goal has been to make exciting, refined wines, exclusively from the Adelaide Hills, that rank among Australia's best. Viticulturist Murray Leake and Chief winemaker Adam Wadewitz, one of Australia's brightest winemaking talents, have helped take Shaw + Smith to new heights. "30 years ago, we made the wines in the winery; today, we make them in the vineyard," says Adam.

VINEYARDS

Fruit was sourced principally from the Shaw + Smith vineyard at Lenswood, which lies at 500 metres above sea level. Low yields were achieved by aggressive pruning and pre-harvest bunch thinning. All fruit was hand picked to avoid any fruit damage.

VINTAGE

September's start to the growing season was warmer than average leading to good canopy and fruit development. January rainfall provided relief from earlier warmer temperatures and was timely to aid fruit development through the ripening period, resulting in healthy fruit being harvested two weeks earlier than average.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were chilled overnight, whole-bunch pressed, and then fermented in new and used French oak (one third of which was new). The wine was matured for nine months in oak with some lees stirring, then two months in tank on lees prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

The 'M3' opens with aromas of white flowers, grapefruit, and white peach. Notes of brioche and toast add complexity to the elegant fruit. The palate is long and flavoursome, with great texture and bright acidity. Savoury, toasty nuances from the oak are beautifully integrated and linger on the finish.

AWARDS

Matthew Jukes 100 Best 2018, Matthew Jukes
Sommelier Wine Awards 2018, Gold

Grape Varieties	100% Chardonnay
Winemaker	Martin Shaw
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	13%
Residual Sugar	0.69g/L
Acidity	6.9g/L
Wine pH	3.19
Bottle Sizes	37.5cl, 75cl, 150cl
Notes	Sustainable, Vegetarian, Vegan