

Shaw + Smith,

`Lenswood Vineyard` Adelaide Hills Pinot Noir 2019

Adelaide Hills, South Australia, Australia



Grape Varieties	100% Pinot Noir
Winemaker	Adam Wadewitz
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	13.5%
Residual Sugar	1.3g/L
Wine pH	3.75
Notes	Vegetarian, Practising Biodynamic, Practising Organic, Vegan

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

First planted in 1999, the Lenswood vineyard combines high altitude (455 to 500 metres above sea level), mature vines, and diverse aspects, including cool east- and south-facing blocks on soils of brown loam over clay with some broken shale. Following significant investments to improve the vineyard since its acquisition by Shaw + Smith in 2012, it is a great source for wines that can stand alone as single vineyard releases, with the balance to reward ageing.

VINTAGE

The 2019 growing season was one that challenged even the most experienced and well equipped vigneron. Those that made the most of it produced small crops of very clean fruit with wonderful flavour and intensity. Natural acidity is a feature in all of the wines despite the warm dry summer.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were hand picked and hand sorted, before being tipped into open fermenters, either as whole bunches (around 20%) or destemmed whole berries. A long, gentle fermentation and maceration followed, after which the wine spent 10 months in new (30%) and used French oak puncheons. The wine was unfiltered and unfined.

TASTING NOTES

A Pinot Noir of delicacy and fragrance, with fresh acid and subtle layers of flavour and texture. The 2019 vintage is deep in colour, with red fruit and spice aromas. Complex and dense, it has a bright palate and savoury finish.