

Shaw + Smith,

Adelaide Hills Shiraz 2020

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

Shaw + Smith own two vineyards in the Adelaide Hills, at Balhannah and Lenswood, totalling 55 hectares. The fruit for this wine is sourced from low-yielding vines predominantly at Balhannah in the central Adelaide Hills, and from Echunga and Macclesfield to the south.

VINTAGE

The 2020 growing season was characterised by two key features. Firstly, cool and windy weather caused disruption at the time of flowering, resulting in very low yields. Secondly, a lovely and cool month of February ensured that the grapes developed excellent flavour intensity and acidity levels.

VINIFICATION

Once at the winery, the hand-picked fruit was fermented as a combination of whole berries (40%) and whole bunches (60%) in open fermenters, with gentle plunging and minimal working. The wine was then matured in French oak, one third of which was new, for 14 months prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

This cool-climate Shiraz is succulent and perfectly balanced, with enticing, perfumed notes of raspberry and boysenberry. The 2020 vintage is sleek and tailored with elegant tannins.

Grape Varieties	100% Shiraz
Winemaker	Adam Wadewitz
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	14%
Bottle Sizes	75cl, 150cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan