

Shaw + Smith,

Adelaide Hills Shiraz 2021

Adelaide Hills, South Australia, Australia



Grape Varieties	100% Shiraz
Winemaker	Adam Wadewitz
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	13.5%
Residual Sugar	0.4g/L
Acidity	5.6g/L
Wine pH	3.59
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, 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

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 2021 vintage benefited from a terrific growing season, which felt particularly triumphant following the challenging events of 2020. Abundant winter rains provided excellent water reserves which developed healthy crops. The summer was mild which allowed for slow and even ripening which developed grapes with excellent concentration and aromatics.

VINIFICATION

Once at the winery, the hand-picked fruit was fermented as a combination of whole berries and whole bunches in open stainless steel tanks with gentle plunging and minimal working. Maceration lasted 15-30 days. The wine was then matured for 14 months in 228 -500 litre French oak barrels, of which 20% were new, prior to bottling. It then spent eight months in bottle before release.

TASTING NOTES

This cool-climate Shiraz is succulent and perfectly balanced, with enticing, perfumed notes of red cherries and boysenberries lifted by touches of violets. The 2021 vintage is sleek and tailored with elegant tannins.

AWARDS

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