

Shaw + Smith,

`Lenswood Vineyard` Adelaide Hills Chardonnay 2021

Adelaide Hills, South Australia, Australia



Grape Varieties	100% Chardonnay
Winemaker	Adam Wadewitz
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	13%
Residual Sugar	0.5g/L
Acidity	6.1g/L
Wine pH	3.27
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

The Lenswood vineyard is planted with low-yielding Bernard clones (76 and 95) in 2001, at a density of approximately 4,545 vines per hectare. The plot has an east-facing aspect, lying at 500 metres above sea level. The soils comprise of brown loam over clay with some broken shale and stone on the ridges. The grapes for this wine were sourced from Blocks 3 and 4 of the vineyard.

VINTAGE

The growing season for the 2021 vintage proved ideal due to abundant winter rains that helped to achieve the ideal soil moisture, ensuring crops were healthy ahead of warmer months. Summer months were characterised by mild temperatures, allowing a slow ripening of the fruit, developing an intense fruit aroma profile.

VINIFICATION

Whole bunches were gently pressed before fermentation that took place in a mix of new (30%) and used 500-litre French oak puncheons. The wine underwent full malolactic fermentation and gentle stirring before ageing for a further 10 months in barrel before release.

TASTING NOTES

A fine boned Chardonnay that reflects the conditions of the vintage and the character of this unique vineyard site. On the nose, the wine is restrained with white flower notes and hints of struck match. The palate is long, fine and delicate displaying an underlying intensity of fruit with notes of lemon, chamomile and a touch of under-ripe nectarine.

AWARDS

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