

Shaw + Smith,

`Lenswood Vineyard` Adelaide Hills Pinot Noir 2021

Adelaide Hills, South Australia, Australia



Grape Varieties	100% Pinot Noir
Winemaker	Adam Wadewitz
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	13.5%
Residual Sugar	0.5g/L
Acidity	4.9g/L
Wine pH	3.79
Bottle Sizes	75cl, 150cl
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. Vineyards are planted with varieties that perform particularly well in the region, namely Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Shiraz. The grapes for this wine were sourced from block one in the Lenswood Vineyard. First planted in 1999, it has east and west-facing aspects, reaching 500 meters above sea level. The soil is brown loam over clay with some broken shale and stone on the ridges.

VINTAGE

The 2021 growing season was remarkable due to high rainfall levels during the winter months, providing an ideal soil moisture and healthy crops across the vineyards. Summer months were characterised by mild temperatures, allowing a slow ripening of the fruit and resulting in perfectly healthy and fully flavoured grapes.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were hand picked and manually sorted, before being tipped into open fermenters, either as whole bunches (around 30%) or as destemmed berries. After a long and gentle fermentation, the wine was aged for 10 months in new oak (30%) and old French oak puncheons prior to bottling (the wine is unfiltered and unfined).

TASTING NOTES

This 2021 Pinot Noir displays delicacy and fragrance with subtle layers of flavour, good texture and a well-balanced acidity. On the nose, the wine opens with aromas of red fruits and spices. The palate is bursting with flavour of raspberry, cherry, strawberry, toasted spice with firm but very fine tannins on the finish. Light in body, this wine shows a remarkable intensity.

AWARDS

International Wine Challenge 2023, Silver