

Charles Melton,

`Voices of Angels` Adelaide Hills Shiraz 2021

Adelaide Hills, South Australia, Australia

**PRODUCER**

Charlie Melton was among the first to recognise the value and tradition of Barossa Valley's old-vine Grenache, Shiraz and Mourvèdre (Mataro). While others were grubbing up Shiraz to plant more fashionable varieties, Charlie and a small band of Barossa winemakers convinced farmers to keep their historic vineyards. Since 1984, Charlie has produced premium Barossa red wines. Initially styled on those from the Rhône, they are now considered leading examples in their own right. Charles Melton is a family project, and today his daughter Sophie, a talented young winemaker, assists Charlie in the winery.

VINEYARDS

The grapes for this wine are grown in a small single plot near the township of Mt. Pleasant in the Adelaide Hills, covering an area of just over one hectare. It is a cooler site for Charles Melton, with vines averaging 40 years of age.

VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage came as a blessing following the challenges of the previous two vintages. Rainfall through the winter was slightly patchy but consistent cooling rain events during the summer helped the grapes to refresh after the odd hot day, but the majority of the vintage was quite mild. The harvest saw excellent yields and great bunch weights.

VINIFICATION

The fruit was entirely handpicked and was divided into two parts upon arrival at the winery. The majority (85%) was destemmed but not crushed, while the rest was left as whole bunches. The ferment underwent a 10 day cold maceration before being pressed to new French oak barriques for both primary and malolactic fermentation. The wine remained on its lees with regular bâtonnage for 28 months in barrel. The wine was then settled naturally and bottled without fining.

TASTING NOTES

On the nose, this wine has distinct dark fruits and mocha notes with finely perfumed cedar notes from the French oak. The palate is plush yet fine and elegant, with firm ripe tannins and a lingering fruit sweetness on the finish. A complex red with juicy richness and a refined elegance.

Grape Varieties	100% Shiraz
Winemaker	Charlie Melton
Closure	Stelvin Lux
ABV	14.5%
Residual Sugar	0.6g/L
Acidity	6.6g/L
Wine pH	3.33
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan