

Shaw + Smith,

`Lenswood Vineyard` Adelaide Hills Pinot Noir 2024

Adelaide Hills, South Australia, Australia



Grape Varieties	100% Pinot Noir
Winemaker	Adam Wadewitz & Martin Shaw
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	13.5%
Acidity	5.3g/L
Wine pH	3.61
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan, Practising Organic

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 mainly to Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, at an elevation of 500 metres. The 20 hectare vineyard was planted in 1999. The Pinot Noir, clone 114, sits on a south-facing slope at a density of 2,380 vines per hectare. Soils are brown loams over clay with broken shale on the ridges.

VINTAGE

The 2024 vintage saw cool and wet conditions during flowering, resulting in smaller, lighter bunches. The rest of the season was largely mild and dry and benefited from timely rains that supported vine growth and health. The harvest was one of low yields, high acidity, and concentrated flavour.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were hand-picked and hand-sorted, before being transferred to both wood and stainless steel open fermenters where they underwent a long, slow fermentation. This was then followed by 10 months ageing in 500 litre puncheons, of which 30% were new.

TASTING NOTES

Delicate and perfumed on the nose with a distinct, savoury edge. The palate is intensely flavoured, with darker black berries and plums with great concentration of flavour. It is supple yet structured, with fresh acidity and fine tannins lending shape and persistence. It perfectly balances fragrance with depth and power.