

BAROSSA VALLEY
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Schild Estate Wines are created with an authenticity and passion that comes from generations of a family who have made their home in the Southern Barossa.

2014 Ben Schild Reserve Shiraz

The Vineyard

Named after Ed Schild's grandson, Angus, and the Scottish word 'Brae' meaning a steep hillside, this vineyard is located 4 km north of the Lyndoch Township. This relatively young vineyard is managed to suite the soil profile and terroir ensuring premium fruit is produced. The vineyard was purchased by the Schild family in December 2001.

The Vintage

The wines from 2014 show a lot of promise, some extreme heat and episodes of rain late in the growing season ensured that it was not without some anxious moments for the winemakers along the way. Mother Nature came to the party in the end with perfect, mild conditions later in the season. The resulting wines seem to get better and better with time in barrel and bottle and one that shows real promise as a "sleeper" vintage.

Technical Notes

Harvested and then crushed into traditional open top fermenters. The wine undergoes pre-fermentation cold soak and is then either gently pumped over to obtain optimal colour and retain complex fruit flavours. Additional post fermentation maceration usually occurs before the wine is drained and pressed to barrel. Free run and pressings are usually kept separate and a combination of new and aged oak barrels are used for a maturation of between 18-24 months. The wine is then blended from a combination of single vineyard shiraz that has been aged separately in French, American and Hungarian Oak.

Tasting Notes

Beautifully deep, dark purple; dense and solid to the edge. Lifted and moorish primary dark fruit aromas of blood plums and blackcurrants are accompanied by glimpses of menthol and spearmint alongside faint hints of violet flowers, soft creamy fresh vanilla bean, dark chocolate and mocha notes and a fleeting, waft of oak spice. A classic core of plush, lifted dark berry compote fruit, coupled with classic chocolate and spice flavours and a vibrant acid line ensures some freshness and vitality on tasting. This primary fruit holds its line to the end constantly intertwined and enveloped by a fine, but ever present tannin structure providing some clear framing, direction and balance and ensures no jagged edges are evident. Less weightier than some vintages. Will benefit from decanting when youthful.

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Varietal: 100% Shiraz

Region: Barossa Valley, South Australia

Vineyard: Angus Brae

Oak: New to Twice Aged French, American & Hungarian Oak Hogsheads

Analyses

Alc/Vol: 14.5%

pH: 3.63

Titrateable Acid: 6.1g/L

Food Paring: Osso Bucco

Winemaker: Scott Hazeldine

