

SHAW + SMITH

Shaw + Smith, Adelaide Hills Shiraz 2013

PRODUCER

Established in 1989 by Martin Shaw and Michael Hill Smith, Shaw + Smith's aim is to make contemporary, high quality wines that stand amongst the best of their type in Australia. The wines are made exclusively from fruit grown in the Adelaide Hills, one of Australia's coolest and most exciting regions. Shaw + Smith specialise in grape varieties suited to the cooler climate, such as Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay and also make fantastic wines from Shiraz and Pinot Noir. Their wines consistently win medals and trophies at international wine competitions.

VINEYARDS

The fruit was sourced from vineyards in the warmer, drier parts of Adelaide Hills, notably Macclesfield and from low yielding vineyards in Balhannah, near the Shaw and Smith winery. Soils here are shallow red/brown loam over schist and clay. The vines are planted at a density of 2,700 - 5,500 vines per hectare and are hand pruned with vertical shoot positioned canopies. Low yields of two kilos per vine were achieved by aggressive pruning and pre-harvest bunch thinning.

VINTAGE

2013 was a fine growing season, with some warm days balanced by consistently cool nights. It was a relatively dry season, so grapes ripened a touch earlier than usual. The weather leading up to harvest was mostly dry, ensuring perfectly healthy fruit.

VINIFICATION

Hand harvested bunches were crushed, de-stemmed and fermented in small temperature controlled stainless steel fermenters, with gentle pumping over to extract colour and ripe tannins. The wine was aged in new (one third), one and two year old French oak barriques for 14 months.

TASTING NOTES

The 2013 is a perfumed Shiraz with floral aromatics and touches of cherry. The palate shows bright red fruits and spice notes of dried herbs including thyme. Exciting natural tannins and a graphite-like earthiness contribute to a savoury core that underpins the great depth and complexity of this wine.

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VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2013
Region	Adelaide Hills, South Australia
Grape Varieties	100% Syrah/Shiraz
Winemaker	Martin Shaw/Adam Wadewitz
Features	Sustainable, Vegan, Vegetarian
Closure	Stelvin
ABV	14%
Acidity	5.9g/L
Wine pH	3.54
Bottle Sizes	75cl, 150cl