

BAROSSA VALLEY

# SCHILD

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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.

## 2018 Narrow Road Shiraz Cabernet

### The Vineyard

The Narrow Road Vineyard sits high on the hills behind the township of Rowland Flat. The vines grown adjacent to the original Schild homestead that was purchased and settled by Ben and Alma Schild in 1952 on what was historically known as 'Narrow Road'

### The Vintage

Reasonable spring and winter rain saw adequate soil moisture and healthy canopies heading into the growing season. January and February were dry, slowing the pace of ripening down and keeping yields lower than initially predicted. Moisture and canopy management were therefore key to reducing stress and maintaining health. When that was achieved the red wines produced from the region in 2018 are of high quality and show genuine promise early on.

### Technical Notes

Hand harvested and then crushed into traditional open top fermenters, the wine undergoes pre-fermentation cold soak and is then either gently pumped over or punched down by hand according to winemaker specifications so as to obtain optimal colour and retain complex fruit flavours. Additional post fermentation maceration usually occurs before the wine is then 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 two varieties are kept separate until blending and bottling. The wine then sees some further time in bottle prior to release.

### Tasting Notes

Deep dark ruby in colour. Aromatically the wine shows vibrant, controlled notes of dark plums, chocolate and a touch of spice which sit alongside subtle, brief glimpses of fountain pen ink and a hint of bright mineral lift on the back end. On the palate the dark plum and chocolate notes re-emerge providing an intense depth of flavour whilst retaining a sense of control and balance as the wine moves through. A superfine tannin frame provides a clear line of travel. A coiled tension in its youth that will release a touch as the wine ages allowing it to show more of itself to the drinker.

### Accolades & Awards

96 POINTS - Andrew Caillard MW, 2021

95 POINTS - Steve Leszczynski, Q Wine Reviews 2021

95 POINTS - Huon Hooke, The Real Review 2021

94 POINTS - Gary Walsh, The Wine Front 2021

91 POINTS - Wine Spectator 2021

SILVER - Decanter World Wine Awards 2021



Video Tasting Notes with  
winemaker Scott Hazeldine

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Varietal: 66% Shiraz, 34% Cabernet Sauvignon

Region: Barossa Valley, South Australia

Vineyard: Narrow Road Vineyard

Oak: New to Twice Aged French Oak Hogsheads

Analyses

Alc/Vol: 14.5%

pH: 3.58

Titratable Acid: 6.3g/L

Food Paring: Dry Aged Scotch Fillet

Cellaring: Drink now to 2030

Winemaker: Scott Hazeldine