

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.

2018 Barossa Valley Chardonnay

The Vineyard

The Three Springs Vineyard is located alongside the original Schild Family Estate. Chardonnay from this block is blended with fruit from other local grape growers, The Barritt family. The Barritt family are sixth generation growers in the Barossa Valley dating back to the 1850s. They grow exceptional chardonnay fruit with their mature vines on Church Road in the hills behind Rowland Flat.

The Vintage

Reasonable spring and winter rain saw adequate soil moisture during the growing season with 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 whites produced from the region in 2018 are showing real promise early on.

Technical Notes

Fruit for this wine is harvested in the cool of the night and delivered quickly to the winery, where it is crushed, chilled and pressed to tank. Cold settled overnight, the juice is then fermented cool (between 11°C- 18°C) in temperature controlled stainless steel vessels. All of this is designed to retain maximum freshness, aromatics and flavour depth. Additional lees stirring is employed to add some roundness and depth before the wine is prepared for bottling.

Tasting Notes

Pale straw with green tinges match fragrant aromas of subtle lemon/lime citrus which show early alongside tempting glimpses of white peach, nectarine and a slight hint of mineral bath salts. The familiar citrus notes evident on the nose feature upfront on the palate too. Here they are supported by some varietal “nuttness:”, fruit weight and mid palate texture derived from lees stirring. A clear line of travel leads into a focused mineral finish ensuring the wine ends balanced and provides some genuine interest to the drinker.

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Drink now to 2023



Varietal: 100% Chardonnay

Region: Barossa Valley, South Australia

Vineyard: Three Springs

Analyses

Alc/Vol: 13.5%

pH: 3.31

Titrateable Acid: 7.1g/L

Food Paring: Chicken and Mushroom Risotto

Winemaker: Scott Hazeldine & James Adams