

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.

2017 Barossa Valley Merlot

The Vineyard

The Three Springs vineyard is where the original Schild family estate is located. Situated on historic Narrow Road at Rowland Flat, this vineyard sits at 380 metres above sea level. Vineyards at this altitude are traditionally much lower yielding than vineyards planted on the Barossa Valley floor meaning the grapes from these vines are regarded as higher quality fruit.

The Angus Brae vineyard is 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 suit the soil profile and terroir ensuring premium fruit is produced.

The Vintage

Decent amounts of replenishing winter and spring rain was followed by mild December and January temperatures. All of this ensured favourable ripening conditions, a measured pace to proceedings and a later start to harvest than recently seen. As a result, the balanced development of sugar and flavours in the fruit along with the retention of natural grape acid were the order of the day and ensured the resulting red wines from the region in 2017 look layered and pretty.

Technical Notes

This wine is fermented in stainless steel open fermenters before undergoing secondary malolactic fermentation in new and seasoned French oak hogsheads. There is a focus on minimal handling and the use of oak for structural framing rather than imparting significant oak flavour. The wine is matured for 12-14 months in barrel before usually undergoing a light filtration and fining if deemed appropriate prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

Deep, bright, dark ruby in colour with intense lifted aromas of crunchy, brambly dark berry fruit. Aromas of blackberry, plums and winter hedgerows dominate and are backed up by savoury glimpses of licorice and spice. A soft and pillowy attack of creamy dark plums and chocolate is supported by a super fine tannin structure working around the edges and providing a clear frame and focus in which the ample fruit sits. A hint of spice appears to provide some added interest as the wine works its way through a clear line of travel finishing long and focused.



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Varietal: 100% Merlot

Region: Barossa Valley, South Australia

Vineyard: Three Springs, Angus Brae

Oak: New & Seasoned French Oak Hogsheads.

Analyses

Alc/Vol: 14.5%

pH: 3.58

Titrateable Acid: 5.7g/L

Food Paring: Mexican Beef Burritos

Winemaker: Scott Hazeldine