

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.

2012 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

2012 was a one of those wonderful years where Mother Nature provides the kind of climatic conditions that sees both winemakers and vigneron get excited. We saw sufficient, but not excessive rainfall which fell at the right times and a lack of excessive heat. These combined to ensure that the ripening cycle was slow and deliberate resulting in great fruit depth, structure and balance to many of the wines produced from this year.

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

Deep, dark purple which is dense and solid to the edge. Primary fruit aromas of blood plums and blackcurrants are accompanied by just a hint of violet flowers, soft creamy fresh vanilla bean, dark chocolate and mocha notes and a fleeting, wafting subtle glimpse 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.

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Accolades & Awards

92 POINTS | James Halliday Wine Companion 2016

92 POINTS | Vinous 2019

92 POINTS | Wine & Spirits Magazine 2017

91 POINTS | Robert Parker 2018

91 POINTS Wine Spectator 2016

GOLD | San Francisco International Wine Competition 2016

GOLD | Texusom International Wine Awards 2019

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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: 14.8%

pH: 3.59

Titrateable Acid: 6.9g/L

Food Paring: Osso Bucco

Winemaker: Scott Hazeldine

