

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.

## 2013 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

2013 saw warm and dry conditions throughout most of growing season, but without any significant periods of severe heat. Yields were low and many red varieties ripened evenly with great flavour depth and some firm prominent tannins which have softened well during maturation. As a result, many of the wines from the year show great structure and framing when young and look to have the ability to genuinely age well too.

### 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.

### Cellaring

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### Accolades & Awards

92 POINTS | James Halliday Wine Companion 2016

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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: 14.5%

pH: 3.54

Titrateable Acid: 6.7g/L

**Food Paring:** Osso Bucco

**Winemaker:** Scott Hazeldine

