

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.

2015 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. This vineyard began as a mixed farm with dairy sheep, stone fruit and a small acreage of vineyard. Following Ben Schild's, death in the 1950s Ed Schild focused on the continual development of vineyards on this property.

The Vintage

A mild, and at times cool December and January saw ideal conditions prevail towards the end of the growing season in the region. The result was a measured pace of ripening early on in harvest before some warmer weather kicked things along and compressed the harvest somewhat. The resulting wines from 2015 show some genuine balance and control from the early mild weather and some real flavour depth and presence as a result of late season warmth and ripeness.

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 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

Oak: New & Seasoned French Oak Hogsheads.

Analyses

Alc/Vol: 14.5%

pH: 3.56

Titrateable Acid: 6.8g/L

Food Paring: Mexican Beef Burritos

Winemaker: Scott Hazeldine