

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 Narrow Road Shiraz Cabernet The Vineyard

The Narrow Road Vineyard sits high on the hills behind the township of Rowland Flat. The vines grown adjacent to the original Schild homestead that was purchased and settled by Ben and Alma Schild in 1952 on what was historically known as 'Narrow Road'

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

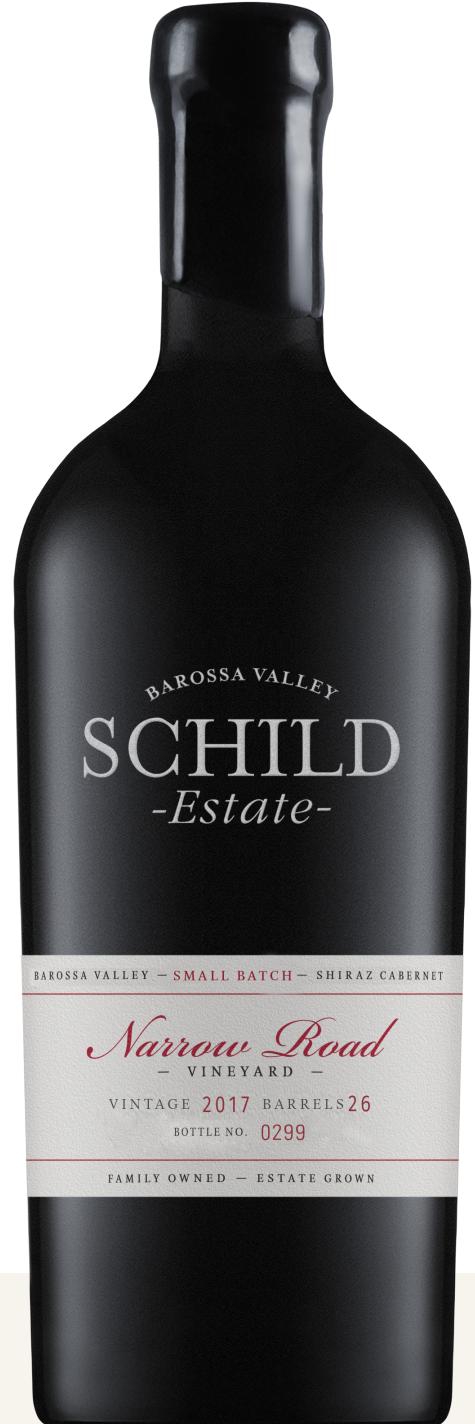
Hand harvested and then crushed into traditional open top fermenters, the wine undergoes pre-fermentation cold soak and is then either gently pumped over or punched down by hand according to winemaker specifications so as to obtain optimal colour and retain complex fruit flavours. Additional post fermentation maceration usually occurs before the wine is then 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 two varieties are kept separate until blending and bottling. The wine then sees some further time in bottle prior to release.

Tasting Notes

Deep dark ruby in colour the wine shows intense, but well controlled primary fruit aromas of blood plums and blueberries alongside fainter notes of white pepper spice. In the mouth, the attack is soft and filling dominated by the same lively primary fruit notes. A fresh acid line and an ever-present, but super fine tannin structure ensures some real control and a clear line of travel as the fruit rolls out in waves through the back of the palate.

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Drink now to 2029.



Varietal: 70% Shiraz, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon

Region: Barossa Valley, South Australia

Vineyard: Narrow Road Vineyard

Oak: New to Twice Aged French Oak Hogsheads

Analyses

Alc/Vol: 14.9%

pH: 3.59

Titratable Acid: 6.3g/L

Food Paring: Dry Aged Scotch Fillet

Winemaker: Scott Hazeldine