

## S H A W + S M I T H



## SHAW + SMITH

*Beginnings:* Established by winemaker Martin Shaw and Master of Wine Michael Hill Smith in 1989.

*Winemakers:* Adam Wadewitz and Martin Shaw.

*Vision:* To make exciting, refined wines exclusively from the Adelaide Hills that reflect our sites and climate.

Vineyards: Shaw + Smith own three vineyards in the Adelaide Hills, at Balhannah, Lenswood and Piccadilly. The vineyards are planted to varieties that perform particularly well in the region, namely Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Shiraz.

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## 2020 BALHANNAH VINEYARD SHIRAZ

Style: A complex, finely-textured Shiraz expressing the conditions of each vintage and the character of a unique vineyard site.

A complex nose as always with this wine, with fennel seed, spiced plum, and dried sage notes. The cool and low yielding season is evident in the red fruit, freshness and drive of this wine. The whole bunch is carried effortlessly by the fruit, and the tannins are long and ripe and even. A wine with huge ageing potential, and the balance and flesh that make it delicious as a young wine as well.

Season: The vintage threw up a number of challenges but the weather during the ripening period was extremely kind. February saw perfectly even ripening and resulted in grapes that were small, packed with flavour, and with higher than normal acidity.

*Vinification:* Aged for 14 months in 500 to 600 litre puncheon, 20% new, followed by a further 14 months in bottle.

*Cellar:* Will reward careful cellaring for up to 20 years.

## BALHANNAH VINEYARD

Altitude: 380m

Planted: 2005

Soils: Loams over red clay, ironstone,

quartzite, and shale

Aspect: North-facing

Clone: Savii17

Density: 5500 vines/ha