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# SCHWARZ WINE CO.

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## Schwarz 'The Grower' GSM

*Dedicated to all the Growers we work with, whose hard work and dedication to their craft enable us to purchase luscious fruit year after year. The Grower range is a testament to the amazing growers Jason has forged long-term relationships with since 2001.*

**Vintage:** 2020

**Varieties:** Grenache 54% Shiraz 45% Mataro 3%

**Alcohol:** 14.2%

**Production:** 1323 dozen bottled 3 June 8, 2021

### **Region: Barossa Valley**

The fruit for this wine was grown over six sub regions in the Barossa Valley; from Moppa in the north to Hallett's Valley in the south with Bethany as the dominant sub region. The fruit was sourced from seven growers from vineyards in Bethany, Vine Vale, Hallett's Valley, Gomersal & Moppa.

### **Winemaking:**

The fruit was harvested dependant on ripeness and flavour with the Grenache and Mataro parcels all hand-picked. The first pick of fruit for this vintage was on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2020 from my family's Grenache vineyard with the final parcel of Shiraz picked on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 2020. All fruit was fermented in small, open top fermenters for approximately 8-15 days with wild yeast (naturally occurring yeast from the vineyard) Pump overs, hand plunging, and foot stomping was carried out as required. 10% of the finished blend is whole bunch (bunches of grapes added to the fermentation tank without the berries removed from the stalk. This process assists with tannin structure as the stalks break down in the fermentation process) The ferments were then softly pressed and kept separately until initial blending in March 2021 with final blending occurring June 2021. 35% of the blend was matured in small tanks, maintaining the freshness and vibrancy of the wine, with the remaining parcels matured in French oak vats, puncheons and hogsheads. Vegan-Friendly wine.

### **Tasting note:**

Shows the quality of both the vintage and the fruit. Schwarz's GSM has never been a huge wine but this one is bang on for mid-weight feel. Red plums, strawberries, blueberries and black fruits all in the mix and a really nice firm stoniness to it too. Tastes like each part of its G, S and M, the palate is full but not heavy, nice and smoky with just enough heft behind the fruit.

*\*Tasting notes written by Christian Canala at Vinify Wine Co\**

### **Reviews & Awards:**

96 Points (Gold) – Winestate Magazine 2021 New Release Wine Show

94 Points (Gold) – Wine Showcase Magazine 2021 New Release Tasting



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