
SCHWARZ WINE CO.

Schwarz Meta Shiraz

Vintage: 2020

Alcohol: 14.2%

Oak: 15% New French, 85% Seasoned French

Production: 538 dozen bottled June 8, 2021

Variety: Shiraz 100%

Region: Barossa Valley

The Meta Shiraz is a selection of vineyards that typically come from rocky or hard growing soils. This gives the fruit (and therefore the wine) a brighter, blue fruited and more tightly tannic style.

Winemaking:

The first pick for this vintage was from the Stonewell vineyard on 27th February 2019 with the final pick from Eden Valley on 23rd March 2020.

The fruit for this wine was grown over four sub regions in the Barossa & Eden Valley with Stonewell as the most prominent sub region.

The fruit was sourced from six growers from vineyards in Stonewell, Light Pass, Eden Valley & Vine Vale. The oldest vineyard used in the Meta Shiraz is from the Light Pass vineyard at 90 years of age.

Individual parcels are predominantly handpicked with whole bunch portions used according to the desired outcome. In total, 18% of the wine was 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)

All parcels were fermented in small open fermenters, with wild yeast (naturally occurring yeast) carrying out the duties. Soft pump overs, hand plunges and foot stomping was carried out as required. Parcels were pressed and then transferred to French oak puncheons and hogsheads for maturation. (15% of the blend was matured in new French oak) Final blending occurred in June 2020.

A vegan friendly wine with no fining or filtration.

Tasting note:

Serious Shiraz here, but with lift and life. Red and black cherry fruits interplay here with spices, tea, and wild herbal notes. A little veil of oak too, but all very well in check.

Nice richness without being overly so, there's a great presence of tannin on the palate

Indicating that for all its drinkability now it has a long life ahead of it.

Tasting notes written by Christian Canala at Vinify Wine Co

Reviews & awards:

95 Points - Aaron Brasher, The Real Review

94 Points, 4 stars – Winestate Magazine Best of New Releases



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