



## TECHNICAL DATA

The Adelaide Hills has now proven it can make truly exciting spicy Shiraz. The key is careful site selection, low yields and restrained use of oak. The blend component from the warmer sub-area of Macclesfield gives structure and richness, whilst Balhannah contributes spiciness and perfume. A vibrant, modern interpretation of Australian Shiraz.

### Vineyards

Sourced from the warmer, drier parts of the Adelaide Hills around Macclesfield and low yielding Shiraz from Balhannah, near the Shaw + Smith winery.

- Generally soil structures in the region are shallow red/brown loam over schist and clay
- High density vine plantings – 2700-5500 vines per hectare
- Hand pruned, vertical shoot positioned canopies
- Yields restricted to 1.8kg per vine. This is essential in achieving concentration
- Hand picked

### Vintage 2003

A long dry and generally warm ripening season with some rain in February. 2003 Shiraz is elegant rather than concentrated in style.

### Winemaking

Hand harvested bunches were crushed and fermented on skins in stainless steel fermenters with regular pumping over to extract colour, flavour and tannins. Matured in new (1/3) and older French oak barriques for 14 months to retain fruit integrity and brightness.

Alcohol: 14.3%  
Residual Sugar: dry  
Total Acidity: 6.2 g/l  
pH: 3.61

Vinified and bottled at the Shaw + Smith winery.



## WINE REVIEWS

### HUON HOOKE AND RALPH KYTE-POWELL

Penguin Wine Guide 2006

BEST RED WINE AND BEST SHIRAZ

Quality: ★★★★★

Value: ★★★★★

### HUON HOOKE

Good Living, The Sydney Morning Herald, May 10 2005

"An outstanding cool-area shiraz...The texture is silky smooth, the palate medium-full bodied and beautifully balanced."

### WINE AND SPIRITS MAGAZINE, (USA)

December 2005 – World's Top 100 wineries

92 points

"It reflects an international sensibility rather than an international style"

### WINE INTERNATIONAL (UK)

"This has a meat juice and Bourbon vanilla bouquet. The full-bodied palate has juicy black plums and spice."

### JANE MACQUITTY

The Times Magazine (UK), Top 100 Festive Wines

"Stylish wine, stylish label. ...a wonderful, ripe, briary, velvety shiraz with lots of fruit to the fore."

### CORNWALL TODAY

"...the best Australian Shiraz I've tasted."

### WINE AND SPIRITS MAGAZINE, (USA)

October 2005

"Elegant enough to drink young, this will only gain structure with age."

### WINE ENTHUSIAST

Buyer ratings, August 2005

88 points

"Enjoyable, with likeable flavors of raspberry and blackberry, and a smooth medium-full mouthfeel ...very good."

### WINE SPECTATOR INSIDER

91 points

"This cool climate Shiraz is bright and jazzy, with black pepper and mineral aromas and flavors weaving through blackberry and licorice core wrapped with fine-grained tannins."