



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 2004

Climatically spring 2003 provided excellent flowering conditions for the 2004 vintage. With the exception of 10 days in February, cool temperatures were experienced throughout the ripening period. In a year where fruitfulness was high, aggressive crop thinning was required, in turn contributing to a Shiraz with excellent concentration.

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: 14.1%
Residual Sugar: dry
Total Acidity: 6.3 g/l
pH: 3.52

Vinified and bottled at the Shaw + Smith winery.



WINE REVIEWS

HUON HOOKE

Sydney Morning Herald, May 30 2006

96 points

"In just three vintages, Shaw and Smith has pitched itself right at the pinnacle of Australian shiraz-making with its best Adelaide Hills shiraz yet. ... It'll drink well today and for at least 12 years."

JAMES HALLIDAY

Australian Wine Companion 2007

94 points

"Elegantly balanced and crafted; predominantly spicy red fruits, supported by fine, persistent tannins. Drink: 2014."

RALPH KYTE-POWELL

Epicure Uncorked, May 30, 2006

★★★★★

"In only a couple of vintages, this shiraz has established itself as one of the best in the Adelaide Hills.... A very classy shiraz."

GREG DUNCAN POWELL

The Sydney Morning Herald, June 2006

"The epitome of Australian shiraz.... This is for stylish food."

WINE SPECTATOR

September 2006

91 points

INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR - TANZER

90 points

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Gold Medal