



SHAW + SMITH PINOT NOIR



Style

Delicate, fragrant, light to medium bodied but with deceptive power, firm tannins, and medium term ageing potential.

2013 Tasting Note

This is the first vintage to include fruit from our vineyard at Lenswood, which is an exciting development for us. The wine retains its characters of delicacy and charm. There is floral perfume on the nose, followed by a fresh, textured palate, with red cherry and spice notes. Snappy acidity and fine but grippy tannins keep it fresh and taut.

Vintage

2013 was a fine growing season, with some warm days balanced by consistently cool nights. It was a relatively dry season, and grapes ripened a touch earlier than usual, with the first Sauvignon Blanc harvested on February 21st, and the last coming in on March 13th. The weather leading up to harvest was mostly dry, ensuring perfectly healthy fruit.

Source

From the block behind the Shaw + Smith winery in Balhannah and from our new Lenswood vineyard. Crop restricted to less than 1.5 tonnes per acre (1.5kg per vine).

Vinification

Hand picked to avoid fruit damage. Combination of whole berry and whole bunch fermentation. Extended time on skins pre and post ferment allowing gentle extraction.

Maturation

Matured on lees in French barriques.

Cellaring

Ideal drinking from 2016 - 2019.

Food

Roast pigeon breast & confit leg, boudin noir & quince.

History

Pinot Noir is the most temperamental of varieties and remains the ultimate challenge for many winemakers – Shaw + Smith has joined the quest albeit in a 'small batch' way. Testament to the quest is the purchase of our Lenswood vineyard in 2012, which offers mature vines with elevation and aspect. Site selection, the right clonal mix, miniscule yields and fastidious vineyard management are essential to success.

Shaw + Smith

Established: 1989 by cousins Martin Shaw and Michael Hill Smith MW.

Vision: To make exciting, modern wines that rank amongst Australia's best.

Styles: Shaw + Smith specialise in grape varieties suited to the cooler climate of the Adelaide Hills: Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Shiraz from selected sites.

Winemaker: Martin Shaw and Adam Wadewitz