

SHAW + SMITH

2020 Shiraz

SEASON The growing season in 2020 had two key features. Cool and windy weather at flowering gave us super-low yields, and a lovely and cool February meant great flavour and acidity.

VINEYARD It was a rollercoaster ride for the vineyard team in 2020, as we were blessed lots of special weather – a dash of hail, a touch of frost, some hotness and coldness. In the end we picked healthy grapes of excellent quality, just not very many of them.

WINERY It was a game won or lost at the selection table. After hand sorting, we destemmed about 60%, and left 40% as whole bunches. Gentle, slow ferments gave us fine tannins, before the wines were tucked into a mix of small and larger barrels for 14 months.

WINE Unapologetically cool climate Shiraz! A succulent wine with beautiful perfume, bright raspberry and boysenberry notes, and elegant tannins. Where 2019 was more opulent, this 2020 is sleek and tailored.

SHAW + SMITH Founded in 1989 by cousins, winemaker Martin Shaw and Master of Wine Michael Hill Smith, Shaw + Smith make wines exclusively from the Adelaide Hills.

ADELAIDE HILLS It's high, it's cool, and Shiraz thrives in it. The Adelaide Hills has a reputation for high quality, but also has lots of diversity that makes it one of Australia's most exciting cool climate regions.

