

# **Small Gully Wines**

2018

# 'THE FORMULA -ROBERT'S VINEYARD'

Shiraz | Adelaide Plains - Australia



#### VEGAN

#### **Stats**

Grapes: 100% Shiraz

Vineyard: 80% Robert's Vineyard (Adelaide Hills) & 20% Zippy's Block

(Barossa Valley)

Vine Age: 58-years-old (Robert's Vineyard) - 50-years-old (Zippy's

Block)

**Soil Type:** Gravelly loam over brown clay (Robert's Vineyard) - Deep Biscay

red clay (Zippy's Block)

Viticulture: Conventional

**Fermentation**: Primarily inoculated with some lots native - stainless steel

Skin Contact: 7 days

Aging: 24 months in neutral American

hogsheads Alcohol: 15.8% pH: 3.55

Total Acidity: 6.1 g/L Total SO2: 78 ppm

Total Production: 5,083 cases

UPC: 9331589000053

#### Reviews

Vinous | 91 points

### **About**

The Formula is the entry into Small Gully's world. This wine is sourced primarily from a vineyard that Robert Bader owns (hence the name – Robert's Shiraz) located on the outer reaches of the Adelaide Plains. There is a small dollop of Zippy's Block in the Barossa Valley. This is a big, full flavored Shiraz produced from 50+ year old vines.

The grapes are were picked via both machine and hand-harvesting and fermented in opentop stainless-steel outdoors for seven days on skins. The wine was nearly dry after a week on skins and was basket-pressed to old American hogheads for maturation. It was racked in the summer and hit with a dose of sulfur then rested for another 17 months, or a total of 24 months in wood. The wine was then racked to tank to settle and bottled without fining or filtration and just another small addition of sulfur.

## **Tasting Note**

Vivid red. Spice-accented aromas of cherry, licorice and cured meat. Offers vibrant cherry and dark berry flavors, an exotic hint of candied licorice, and silky texture. Finishes with good clarity and length.

