



## Shinas Estate

2019

# 'THE GUILTY'

Shiraz | Southeast Australia - Australia



VEGAN

### Stats

**Grapes:** 100% Shiraz

**Vineyard:** Shinas Estate and select nearby vineyards

**Vine Age:** Varied: 18-68-years-old

**Soil Type:** Primarily sandy loam

**Viticulture:** Conventional

**Fermentation:** Inoculated – old oak fermenters and stainless-steel (100% destemmed)

**Skin Contact:** 2-3 weeks

**Aging:** 24 months in old French barriques

**Alcohol:** 15.7%

**pH:** 3.4

**Total Acidity:** 5.9 g/L

**Total SO<sub>2</sub>:** 82 ppm

**Total Production:** 5,400 cases

**UPC:** 872061000394

### About

This wine along with its deceased sibling, 'The Innocent' (Viognier) is what started the rise to illustrious fame and fortune for the Judge. The days of Shallow Creek Estate were radically altered when new marketing and branding took over leaning on George's legal career. What never changed though was the source of this bold value until the demand outstripped the supply. This estate bottled Shiraz started from a single block that's first plantings date back to 1898 and it has the concentration and power to prove it. Today, the demand for this wine has gone crazy like the Chinese thirst for DRC and George had to finally begin sourcing fruit from nearby vineyards.

The grapes are picked when The Judge feels the grapes are at their maximum flavor and density, often quite late. If it wasn't for The Judge's deft hand and old, gnarly vines, the grapes would surely succumb to a fateful ending. The soil and roots allow for this to occur and still maintain freshness in the wine. The fruit is fermented in a combination of large wooden fermenters and stainless steel tanks with routine foot stomping and pumpovers over 2-3 weeks for maximum extraction.

### Tasting Note

The prettiness of violet and vanilla; the work of dense, ripe, inky plum; the foundation of firm, grainy tannin. It's a well-built house, fitted and decorated. Fine-grained tannins give shape to the long, sappy finish.