



Shinas Estate

2018

'THE EXECUTIONER'

Red Blend | Southeast Australia - Australia



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 91% Shiraz - 6% Cabernet

Sauvignon - 3% Viognier

Vineyard: Shina Estate Vineyard

Vine Age: 20-40-years-old

Soil Type: Calcareous brown sandy loam over clay

Viticulture: Conventional & sustainable

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

Skin Contact: 2 weeks

Aging: 24 months in old French barriques - followed by one year in bottle

Alcohol: 13.8%

pH: 3.4

Total Acidity: 6.4 g/L

Total SO₂: 127 ppm

Total Production: 500 cases

UPC: 872061000400

Reviews

Vinous | 90 points

About

'Executioner' is the Judge's take on a 'reserve' wine. This is the fifth release of this hedonistic concoction. Made up of the oldest Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon plantings on the estate vineyard with a splash of Viognier. This is power, pure power. A wine of awesome splendor that is sure to please the palates of even the most discerning consumer. As the Judge has said, "it's not for the fainthearted and if you drink a bottle of the Executioner and drive, you will surely come before the Judge." Who needs 'The Prisoner' when you have 'The Executioner?'

The grapes are picked on flavor at optimum ripeness, gently crushed and each parcel of fruit is fermented separately on skins for 5 to 7 days with controlled temperature to prevent rapid fermentation retaining fruit flavor. The finished wine is pressed off skins and stored in seasoned oak until it has gone through malolactic fermentation, racked and sulfured and further aged for 2 years before bottling. It spends 1 year of bottle aging prior it's release.

Tasting Note

The color is opaque and burgundy to brick red, suggesting a lot of extraction and a little maturity in barrel. The nose suggests softness and richness, with a loamy herbal aromas that developed into dark berries and mocha. The palate shows red cherry/berry fruit and a nice hit of spice. The weight of the wine is thick without being heavy.