



## Shinas Estate

2020

# 'THE EXECUTIONER'

Red Blend | Victoria - Australia



VEGAN

## Stats

**Grapes:** 92% Shiraz - 6% Cabernet

Sauvignon - 2% Viognier

**Vineyard:** Shina Estate Vineyard

**Vine Age:** Average: 38-years-old

**Soil Type:** Calcareous brown sandy loam over clay

**Viticulture:** Conventional

**Fermentation:** Inoculated - American 300L Hogshead barrels (100% crushed)

**Skin Contact:** 10 days

**Aging:** 30 months in wooden barrels

**Alcohol:** 16.9%

**pH:** 3.41

**Total Acidity:** 6.5 g/L

**Total SO2:** 86 ppm

**Total Production:** 1,000 cases

**UPC:** 872061000400

## About

'The Executioner' is the Judge's take on a 'reserve' wine. This is the sixth 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 10 days with controlled temperature to prevent rapid fermentation retaining fruit flavor. Fermentation takes place in American 300L Hogshead barrels. The finished wine is then pressed off skins and stored in seasoned oak until it has gone through malolactic fermentation, racked and sulfured and further aged for 30 months total before bottling, unfined and unfiltered with just a measured dose of sulfur. It sees 1 year of bottle aging prior to its release.

## Tasting Note

The hue is rich, shifting from garnet to terracotta, indicating deep extraction and oak maturity. Aromas reveal velvety earthiness, evolving into dark berries and cocoa. The palate showcases lively red fruits and a spicy kick.