



Small Gully Wines

2017

'LITTLE BOOK'

Shiraz | South Australia - Australia



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 100% Shiraz

Vineyard: Zippy's Block (Barossa Valley) - Robert's Vineyard (Adelaide Plains)

Vine Age: Zippy's Block (65-years-old) - Robert's Vineyard (57-years-old)

Soil Type: Varied: Primarily deep, brown loam with heavy clay

Viticulture: Conventional & Sustainable

Fermentation: Native - stainless steel (100% whole-berry)

Skin Contact: 7 days

Aging: 20 months in neutral American and French barriques

Alcohol: 15%

pH: 3.58

Total Acidity: 6.1 g/L

Total SO2: 72 ppm

Total Production: 4,750 cases

UPC: 9331589000305

Reviews

Vinous | 89 points

About

This is a powerful wine, but with real definition, that has maintained its strong following for nearly 15 years. Those that have tasted it can attest to its spiritual abilities. Ever wonder about one person's secrets that are safely stowed away in a 'little black book?' Well that is the idea behind Small Gully's 'Mr. Black's Little Book' Shiraz. Sourced from prized vineyards (that Stephen's partner is involved in, thus the 'house discount') in the northern part of the Barossa and the Adelaide Plains. This is a blend of 65-year-old fruit from Zippy's Block in the Barossa Valley and 'younger vines' from Robert's Vineyard in the Adelaide Plains.

Very little intervention is used in making this wine. The fruit is picked according to taste when Stephen feels that it's at its optimal ripeness. The fruit is then destemmed and crushed and left to start fermenting which is done without inoculation. Pumpovers and punchdowns are both used with the latter used earlier in the process to really get at the tannins and color and the former later on for a more gentle extraction. After two weeks the wine is basket pressed off gently and then racked into barrel.

Tasting Note

Red and black berry notes with underlying black pepper, smoked bacon, and hints of tar and star anise. Medium to full-bodied with well rounded tannins and a fresh line of acidity. Well structured with great length.