



## Shinas Estate

2017

# 'THE VERDICT'

*Cabernet Sauvignon* | *Southeast Australia - Australia*



VEGAN

### Stats

**Grapes:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

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

**Soil Type:** Primarily sandy loam

**Viticulture:** Conventional & sustainable

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

**Skin Contact:** 10 days

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

**Alcohol:** 15.3%

**Total Production:** 3,500 cases

**UPC:** 872061000424

### About

On one of the Judge's many trips to the US, he sat down with a sales rep at a restaurant to have a late lunch between countless appointments. Judge Shinas ordered a glass of a Napa Cabernet and The Verdict is a Cabernet Sauvignon that brings a lot of intensity to the glass, yet bright, high tones. A wine that will please any fan of the 'new Napa-style', in that it has a lot of ripeness and texture though it is an astounding value, something Napa can rarely claim.

The grapes are picked on flavor at optimum ripeness, gently crushed and each parcel of fruit is fermented separately on skins for 5-7 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.

### Tasting Note

This has a dark plum color with a slight crimson hue. It showcases aromas of ripe blackberries, vanilla and dark chocolate leading into a palate packed with riveting flavors of black cherry, red plums, and ripe strawberries. With a solid-built frame of tannin and crisp acid, the wine manages to find balance with the equitable amount of plush texture.