



Shinas Estate

2020

'THE GUILTY'

Shiraz | Barossa Valley - Australia



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 100% Shiraz

Vineyard: Marananga

Vine Age: 22-years-old

Soil Type: Primarily deep, brown loam with heavy clay

Viticulture: Conventional

Fermentation: Inoculated – stainless-steel (100% destemmed)

Skin Contact: 3 days

Aging: 24 months in old 300L French and American oak barrels

Alcohol: 15.5%

pH: 3.49

Total Acidity: 7.1 g/L

Total SO2: 148 ppm

Total Production: 448 cases

UPC: 872061000394

About

This wine, along with its late sibling 'The Innocent' (Viognier), launched the Judge's rise to fame. Shallow Creek Estate changed radically when new marketing leaned into George's legal career, but the bold value behind this wine never wavered—until demand outpaced supply. The estate-bottled Shiraz began in a single block planted in 1898 and carries the concentration and power to prove it. Today, demand is insane (similar to Chinese thirst for DRC), and George now sources fruit from outside vineyards. Stephen Black of Small Gully runs operations at Shinas, with the 2020 fruit coming from the Barossa Valley. The 2020 vintage was hot, and after a very dry 2019, led to very small yields of great quality fruit.

Tasting Note

Inky ruby with violet and vanilla notes layered over dense, ripe plum. Firm, grainy tannins provide structure while dark berries and floral hints keep it lively. The finish is long, sappy, and beautifully balanced.