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# SHAW + SMITH

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## Balhannah Vineyard SHIRAZ



*Style:*

A complex, finely-textured Shiraz expressing the conditions of each vintage and the character of a unique vineyard site.

*2013 Tasting Note:*

Crimson in colour with purple at the rim. The nose is very perfumed – rose petals, dried herbs, and red berries. Initially it's generous on the palate, with boysenberry, mulberry, and blueberry notes. Then more layers of flavor and texture reveal themselves. Some cinnamon, some fennel seed, some rhubarb; fine but firm tannins that extend the palate, accompanied throughout by fresh acidity and intense perfume.

*Food:*

Roast suckling pig

*Vintage:*

2013 was a fine growing season, with some warm days balanced by consistently cool nights. It was a relatively dry season, and grapes ripened a touch earlier than usual. The weather leading up to harvest was mostly dry, ensuring perfectly healthy fruit.

*Source:*

From close-planted (5,500 vines/ha) low yielding vines at Shaw + Smith's Balhannah Vineyard, planted in 2005. It has a north-facing aspect and the soils are loam over clay, ironstone, quartzite, and shale.

*Vinification:*

Hand picked and fermented as predominantly whole bunches (70%) and the remainder whole berries, in open fermenters, with gentle plunging and minimal working.

*Maturation:*

Aged in 500 ltr French Oak puncheons for fourteen months, followed by a further fourteen months in bottle.

*Ideal serving temperature:*

16 – 18 C

*Cellar potential:*

Has the concentration and structure to develop fine tertiary characters in bottle over the next 15 years.

*History:*

This is the first release of this wine. The distinctive site has always shown potential for a single site wine, and in this particular year the fruit was outstanding.

### Shaw + Smith

**Established:** 1989 by cousins Martin Shaw and Michael Hill Smith MW.

**Vision:** To make exciting, modern wines that rank amongst Australia's best.

**Styles:** Shaw + Smith specialise in grape varieties suited to the cooler climate of the Adelaide Hills: Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Shiraz from selected sites.

**Winemakers:** Martin Shaw and Adam Wadewitz