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Beginnings: Established by winemaker Martin Shaw and Master of Wine Michael Hill Smith in 1989.

Winemakers: Martin Shaw and Adam Wadewitz.

Vision: To make exciting, refined wines exclusively from the Adelaide Hills that reflect our sites and climate.

Vineyards: Shaw + Smith own two vineyards in the Adelaide Hills, at Balhannah and Lenswood, totalling 55 ha. The vineyards are planted to varieties that perform particularly well in the region, namely Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Shiraz.

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2015 BV SHIRAZ

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

The 2015 is typified by concentration and generosity of fruit, along with floral notes and firm, fine tannins.

Season: 2015 was a remarkable vintage. Above average winter rainfall ensured a good start to the growing season and warm weather in late-December / early-January was moderated by useful rain on the 13th of January. The season concluded with mild, steady conditions and delivered fruit of wonderful quality to the winery.

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.

Background: This distinctive site had always shown potential for a single site wine, and in 2013 we made our first release.

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