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

Winemakers: Adam Wadewitz and Martin Shaw.

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

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

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2021 BALHANNAH VINEYARD SHIRAZ

Style: The ninth release of this wine, and the vintage perfectly reflects the site. A complex nose laden with spice and red fruit, leads onto a poised, balanced palate.

Graphite, sage, Kalamata olive brine, and satsuma plum, are some of the myriad of flavours on the palate, which is lively and medium bodied. Fruit, spice, fine grippy tannins, and acid all contribute on the long finish, a good indication of this wine's great aging potential.

Season: The growing season for the 2021 vintage was terrific, a joy after the traumas of 2020. Soaking winter rains gave us plenty of moisture in the soil, and that flowed into healthy crops. The summer was mild, slow ripening, with lots of flavour.

Vinification: Aged for 14 months in 500 to 600 litre French oak barrels, 15% new, followed by a further 14 months in bottle.

Cellar: Will reward careful cellaring for up to 20 years.

BALHANNAH VINEYARD

Altitude: 380m

Planted: 2005

Soils: Loams over red clay, ironstone, quartzite, and shale

Aspect: North-facing

Clone: Savii17, 1654 and 2626

Density: 5500 vines/ha
