



Spinifex
Barossa Valley



2021 Syrah



Variety:	100% Shiraz
Region:	Barossa Valley & Eden Valley
Vine Age:	25 to 100 years
Fruit:	Handpicked
Viticulture:	Organic
Fermentation:	Wild / Combination of vessels
Elevage:	8 months in a combination of large vessels
Fining/Filtration	None

"Syrah from a selection of vineyards in the Barossa and Eden Valleys, judicious use of whole clusters, matured on light lees in a combination of large-format vessels for around 8 months prior to bottling. Deep purple red in the glass, it's a rollicking, crunchy, bright and sapid ride with a gorgeous plume of plummy fruit, cut with spice and floral nuance, whole-bunch amaro notes and a sense of space, clarity and detail that brings a smile to the face. Such a wonderful drink and great value."
94 points, Dave Brookes, Wine Companion

THE WINE

As with most of his reds, Schell employed a range of techniques, with different proportions of whole-bunch, whole berry and destemmed fruit. The aim was for soft extraction, and the ferments were allowed to relax with little agitation. Pete sums up the reasoning behind his gentle approach simply: "it's easier to overdo it than underdo it in the Barossa". Short macerations were followed by ferments in stainless steel, concrete and mostly large, seasoned oak (only one new barrel was used).

Schell sources from 10 different plots throughout the Barossa and Eden Valleys from "...generally higher, cooler sites, where earlier harvesting gives wines with bright fruit expression and a textural freshness."

THE WINEMAKER

Peter Schell and Magali Geli, owners and operators of Spinifex Wines in the Barossa Valley, have been quietly but firmly representing the 'new' Barossa for years, even when the region was still very much the 'old' Barossa. They have traded brutality for detail, opulence for texture, and extra sugar for savory complexity. Both winemakers have spent extensive time in Southern France, with Peter completing six harvests across four regions, and Magy hailing from Montpellier, in the Languedoc, with a string of winemaking ancestors lined up behind her.



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