

THISTLEDOWN WINE COMPANY



Bachelor's Block Ebenezer Shiraz 2017 **Barossa Valley**

A wine that sets the benchmark for contemporary fine wine from the Barossa. Produced from hand-picked fruit from defined part of one single block in the revered Ebenezer sub-region, Bachelor's Block effortlessly blends precise picking times, whole bunch natural fermentations, gentle vinification with extended time in fine French hogsheads to yield a wine of taut power, finesse and savoury freshness.

Vintage Conditions

2017 was defined by the very wet winter conditions that preceded it and by the cool, unpredictable and sporadically wet vintage conditions. Careful viticulture with restricted yields and open canopies were essential to healthy development. A late season, up to 6 weeks later than 2015, resulted in wines of purity and tension.

Viticulture

The single block that this wine is sourced from is in the Ebenezer sub region of the Barossa. Famed for being the home of some of the region's best fruit, this sub region produces very high quality, low yielding fruit from the dark, iron rich soils. The vineyard is pruned and trained to yield at 2.5 to 3 tons per acre with a good balance of vegetation to provide protection from the sun.

Winemaking

Picking time is of great importance and as ever, we look to pick on the way up rather than the way down. Hand-picked and swiftly transported to our winery in the Adelaide Hills. Left to cold soak for a couple of days before the natural fermentation began in open top fermenters. Hand plunged twice a day and left for 6 days on skins post fermentation prior to pressing. The wine was then transferred to 300 litre French hogsheads.

Tasting

A complex and savoury nose with hints of graphite, liquorice, spice and blackberry. The palate is well balanced with dense, smoky black fruits and beautifully polished, glossy tannins that provide a mouthfilling yet succulent, energetic finish.

Alcohol: TBC%

Total Acidity: TBC g/l

pH: TBC

Residual Sugar: TBC g/l

SO₂: TBC mg/l

Fining: None

Vegan: Yes

Vegetarian: Yes