

HEAD

BAROSSA

2021 'WILTON HILL'

Shiraz

BAROSSA RANGES



Wilton Hill has been a 15-year project to this point. An opportunity for me to show one unique and very special site and talk about its relevance within the varied Barossa landscape.

'Wilton' was an old town in Flaxman Valley and the vineyard was planted on the hill above the town, hence the property name. The property covers 250 acres and was originally part of the largest land-holding within Flaxman Valley, of approximately 4000 acres, by the Pohlner family who were original 1852 settlers. The property boasts 64 acres under vine, 8 varieties with 11 clones of Shiraz. Once a goldmine with 40 workers, there are many natural springs and also ancient protected Yacca plants, some up to 500 years old. The vineyards are farmed sustainably and use organic practices. The oldest vines are 100 years and a small Shiraz block planted in 1965 provides the fruit for the 'Wilton Hill' Shiraz.

The 'Wilton Hill' Shiraz sits at the top of the 'Icon Series' of HEAD wines and represents less than 0.5% of total production. The 'Wilton Hill' label design showcases the 'Wilton Hill' name as an ambigram representing the vineyard's unique view of both the Barossa & Eden Valleys from the vineyard site. The 2021 vintage of 'Wilton Hill' is due for release in September 2023. *Alex Head*

2017
Huan Hooke
The Real Review

97
Pts

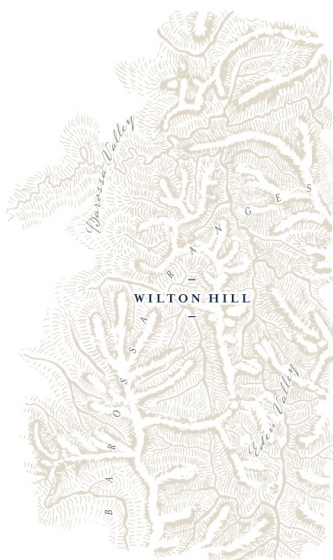
The 2021 growing season was mild and dry with extended ripening and cooler than usual nights helping to retain acidity. Conditions were dominated by La Nina which helped with healthy winter and spring rains. Harvest conditions were calm and the resulting wines are classic, fresh with a dense core of fruit weight and resolved tannins that should cellar long and reward beyond 2019 & 2020.

2018
Andrew Caillard MW
Vintage Journal

95
Pts

2019
Dave Brookes
Wine Companion

97
Pts



RAINFALL:	461ml (April '20-March '21 avg. 465ml)
VINEYARD:	'Wilton Hill Vineyards' at 480m elevation on the Barossa Ranges
VARIETAL:	100% Shiraz (EVOV Clone)
VINE AGE:	Planted 1965 (57y.o.)
SOIL/ROCK:	Red clay loam, ironstone/quartz over orange clays
AVG. YIELD:	<2.0t/a
PRODUCTION:	2,333 Bottles
VINIFICATION:	Small open top fermenter with heading down boards, indigenous yeast, 30% whole-bunch fermentation, two week ferment, initial foot-treading, basket press
MATURATION:	17 months in 25% new Troncais barriques
BOTTLING:	August '22, Minimal So2
ACIDITY:	6.0g/l
ALCOHOL:	14.2%