



# THE WILLOWS VINEYARD

## 2021 `G7` GRENACHE

*The Willows has been our home since 1845, when `JG` Scholz first arrived in the Barossa. Seven generations on, we continue to farm our unique parcel of land in the Barossa Valley.*

### **Variety**

100% Grenache  
Old Vine-Single block  
Light Pass Barossa Valley

### **Vineyard**

Planted in 1969 by 5<sup>th</sup> generation Dr W.H `Bert` Scholz. Our Grenache grows on sand over deep alluvial soil in a loop of the North- Para river. The Grenache thrives on the free draining sand and experiences the cool gully breezes that follow the North Para out of the hills.

### **Vintage 2020/21**

The 2021 Barossa Valley vintage is shaping up to be a one of the classics. Above average rainfall through August, September and October resulted in very good subsoil moisture setting up healthy vines. The Barossa experienced some welcome rain in January, followed by widespread falls over the first weekend in February keeping the vines and canopy healthy. One of the key drivers for the high quality was temperature or lack of it...generally, the temperatures were below average. We experienced very mild conditions through December, January, February and March with only two days over 40C. The most exciting outcome of the vintage is the quality seen across every variety. Flavours and berry integrity the best we have seen in many years.

### **Winemaking**

Fruit was Hand- picked across 2 separate dates: 27<sup>th</sup> Feb and 13<sup>th</sup> March. An early picking targeting fragrant, bright fruit and a second pick targeting more depth and structure. Fermentation occurred in small batch, open fermenters. There were 4 batches in total with varying levels of whole bunch (25-100%); or extended maceration (~35 days). Whole bunch fermentation adding length and softness to the structure of the wine. All batches were basket pressed to seasoned French oak for 8 months prior to blending and bottling.  
Winemaker: Jack Scholz

### **Tasting**

Opens with lifted red fruits, lavender florals, and savoury spice. The palate reveals red licorice and raspberry that progresses to more complex, savoury notes of earth, graphite and peppercorn spice. Structurally the tannins are ruffled, running long and even. ALC 14.6%

