



Two Hands

A wine of mystery and finesse, Secret Block Shiraz balances power with grace, offering a palate that effortlessly glides from rich fruit intensity to a lingering, harmonious conclusion.



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Secret Block Shiraz 2019

Barossa Valley, Australia

Region and Vineyards

The **Moppa Hills** sub-region, located in the **Barossa Western Ranges**, is known for producing Shiraz wines with exceptional concentration, structure, and aromatic intensity. Sitting at **335 meters above sea level**, this vineyard benefits from cooler nights that help preserve the acidity and freshness of the fruit. The **soils, composed of deep grey-red loam with coarse quartz and ironstone gravel over clay**, contribute to the wine's distinctive mineral edge and finely grained tannins.

This **17-year-old vineyard** is carefully maintained to ensure low yields and high-quality fruit. Despite challenges across vintages, the site has consistently delivered **Shiraz of remarkable depth, silkiness, and elegance**. With an **average annual rainfall of 450mm**, the vines thrive in a naturally balanced environment, producing grapes that exhibit both intensity and refinement. The hidden nature of this vineyard, accessible only through winding trails and locked gates, adds to the allure of this exclusive, limited-production wine.

Winemaking

A **single parcel from this vineyard** was carefully crushed and destemmed into a **5-tonne open-top fermenter**, where it remained on skins for **10 days** to extract depth and structure. Fermentation was meticulously controlled to ensure a **gentle yet effective** integration of tannins and flavor.

After pressing, the **free-run juice and pressings were combined in tank** and allowed to settle for **24 hours** before being **racked off gross lees into barrels**. Malolactic fermentation occurred in barrel, refining the wine's texture and balance. **Bottled with minimal fining and no filtration**, the wine retains its purity, showcasing the seamless harmony of fruit, tannins, and acidity.

Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 100% Syrah



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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep, dark purple with a vibrant core, hinting at its richness and longevity.
- **Aroma:** Intense and alluring, with wafts of blackcurrant, stewed plums, cinnamon, eucalypt, mulberry, and warm bark. The complexity deepens as the wine opens, revealing layers of spice and mineral nuances.
- **Palate:** A masterclass in balance and elegance, this wine offers a **silky, flowing texture** with waves of black fruit, fine tannins, and vibrant acidity. The interplay of fruit, tannin, and acid creates a **seamless, drifting sensation**, leading to a persistent, refined finish.

Did You Know?

Moppa Hills is a **hidden gem within the Barossa Ranges**, home to some of the region's highest vineyards. The altitude and unique ironstone-rich soils contribute to wines with **greater structure, freshness, and aromatic intensity** than those from lower-elevation sites.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Slow-braised lamb shank with rosemary and juniper** – The wine's deep fruit and spice elements enhance the dish's savory, herbaceous profile.
- **Grilled venison with blackberry reduction** – The fine tannins and vibrant acidity balance the richness of the meat and the dark berry sauce.
- **Charred eggplant with tahini and pomegranate** – The wine's silkiness and earthy undertones pair beautifully with the smoky, creamy depth of the dish.
- **Aged Gouda or Parmigiano-Reggiano** – The structured tannins and minerality complement the nutty, crystalline textures of these cheeses.



Robert Parker (RP) : 94 Points (2019)

Faint whiffs of woodsmoke mark the nose of the 2019 Secret Block Wildlife Road Moppa Hills Shiraz, adding a welcome savory, meaty note to the bold blackberry and blueberry fruit. It's medium to full-bodied, concentrated and ripe without being over the top at all. Nicely proportioned and balanced, with a silky-velvety feel and a long, harmonious finish, this should drink well for at least a decade or so.



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