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Beginnings: Established by winemaker Martin Shaw and Master of Wine Michael Hill Smith in 1989.

Winemakers: Martin Shaw and Adam Wadewitz.

Vision: To make exciting, refined wines exclusively from the Adelaide Hills that reflect our sites and climate.

Vineyards: Shaw + Smith own two vineyards in the Adelaide Hills, at Balhannah and Lenswood, totalling 55 ha. The vineyards are planted to varieties that perform particularly well in the region, namely Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Shiraz.

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2017 BALHANNAH VINEYARD SHIRAZ

Style: A complex, finely-textured Shiraz expressing the conditions of each vintage and the character of a unique vineyard site.

2017 was a striking season, unusually cool and a perfect year to show a single site. The wine is very fragrant, textural and detailed.

Season: There was record rainfall throughout the growing season but importantly it reduced to average in November during flowering and was dry during March, the later part of ripening. Record low temperatures were also recorded resulting in a late, very cool vintage. Flavours are intense and the natural acidity is striking.

Source: From close-planted (5,500 vines/hectare) low yielding vines at Shaw + Smith's Balhannah Vineyard, planted in 2005. It has a north-facing aspect and the soils are loam over clay, ironstone, quartzite, and shale.

Vinification: Hand picked, sorted and fermented as whole berries and whole bunches, in open fermenters, with gentle plunging and minimal working. Aged in 500 litre French oak puncheons for 14 months, followed by a further 14 months in bottle.

Background: This distinctive site had always shown potential for a single site wine, and in 2013 we made our first release.

Serve: Decant and enjoy with osso buco. Ideal temperature is 16-18°C.

Cellar potential: Has the concentration and structure to develop fine tertiary characters in bottle over the next 15 years.