

Printhie Wines Tasting Notes

Wine Name	Printhie Swift Family Heritage
Vintage	2021
Varietal	Cabernet Sauvignon 55%, Shiraz 45%
GI	Orange, NSW 100%
Vineyard(s)	Printhie Winery Block (620m ASL) - 100%
Key Characteristics	After a long hiatas from 2013 Swift Family Heritage makes a return. An aged release premium red wine made exclusively from estate grown fruit. Style is more important than varietal expression and hence the blend composition can change year-to-year.
Production Notes	The 2021 vintage was essential set up as a drought vintage coming of the back of the severe 2018-2020 drought but then it cooled off in late summer and the rain arrived to provide a tricky conclusion to the harvest. The Cabernet and Shiraz are sourced from the original estate vineyard planted in 1996 at the winery at lower elevation. Both varieties were able to fully ripen. They were fermented in small batches then transferred to new and 1 year old French oak puncheons (500L). The blend was made at the end of the barrel maturation period and then bottled approx. 12 months after the harvest.
Tasting Notes	Quite a deep and bright colour with a slight development of red brick hue. The aromas are showing cabernet dominant red fruits. At this moment in time (March 2025) there is also the beginnings of some very typical bottle maturation characters – tobacco leaf, cigar box, leather. The oak is present but not overwhelming. There is a nice long palate structure with elegant tannins and some acid freshness.
Analysis	Alc – 13.3%, pH - 3.58, TA – 6.2gL, RS – 0.5gL
Cellaring	Swift Family Heritage has a history of being an aged release so that it overcomes the rawness of youth so show greater complexity and bottle maturation. Very appealing on release. This wine will evolve gloriously over the next decade or more with careful cellaring.
Bottling Date	May 2022