



Coobara

Adelaide Hills Cabernet Merlot 2011 \$18

Alta by Sarah Fletcher

Adelaide Hills Shiraz 2013 \$20 CD

Main & Cherry

Adelaide Hills Shiraz \$25.

David Cook, owner-winemaker of Coobara Wines at Birdwood, is a native bird enthusiast. Coobara means "place of native birds" and his front labels bear colored sketches of them. The Coobara blend has the superb blue wren for his flagship wine. "Its beauty and boldness is typical of premium grapes grown at high altitude in the northern Adelaide Hills," he says. Blackcurrant, plum and silky tannins abound.

Winemaker Sarah Fletcher waited 10 years to produce her inaugural shiraz "waiting for a particular parcel of fruit in a small subregion of the Adelaide Hills". She has

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achieved the "fresh raspberry and white pepper which typify the essence" of the region. The palate provides a "complex sensory adventure" with red berry fruits a prelude to black pepper and chocomint. Natural acid and integrated French oak play their part in a satisfying mouthfeel.

Mike Sexton has a single vineyard at Cherry Gardens where his shiraz is handpicked by family and friends and handcrafted into wine by him. After an exceptional vintage of "small berries of great character ... nature handled the big things, we simply guided along the rest". Layers of ripe berry flavors with licorice and dark chocolate combine with silky tannins for a luscious drink.