Shinas Estate is situated in the northwest region of Victoria. This region is known for its Mediterranean-like climate, classic wines and great food. The first vines were planted in the region in 1886 and by 1898 vine planting commenced on the estate. With eight generations of grape growing and wine producing experience, as well as George Shinas’ passion for perfection, he draws on time-honored traditions to produce premium hand crafted wine.

Currently there are three core wines in the Shinas Estate portfolio: The Guilty Shiraz, The Verdict Cabernet Sauvignon and the Innocent Viognier. In addition there are two limited-production wines: Sweet Justice Moscato and The Executioner Shiraz/Cab. The names for the wines come from owner George Shinas’s career as a judge in his hometown of Mildura.

The grapes are picked on flavor at optimum ripeness, gently crushed and each parcel of fruit is fermented separately on skins for 3 to 5 days with controlled temperature to prevent rapid fermentation retaining fruit flavor. The finished wine is pressed off skins and stored in seasoned oak until it has gone through malolactic fermentation, racked and sulphured and further aged for 2 years before bottling.

If it weren’t for The Judge’s deft hand and old, gnarly vines, the late-picked grapes would surely succumb to a fateful ending. The soil and roots allow for this to occurs and still maintain a freshness in the wine. The Verdict is a Cabernet Sauvignon that brings a lot of intensity to the glass, yet bright, high tones. A wine that will please any fan of the ‘new Napa-style’ for sure. This wine is always unfined and unfiltered...just the way we like it!

**Composition**

- 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
- Loam over Limestone Gravel
- 3 tons per acre

**Élevage**

- 24 months in seasoned French & American barrique
- 27 years old
- 2,000 cases

**Tasting Notes**

“This has a dark plum color with a slight crimson hue. It showcases aromas of ripe blackberries, vanilla and dark chocolate leading into a palate packed with riveting flavors of black cherry, red plums, and ripe strawberries. With a solid-built frame of tannin and crisp acid, the wine manages to find balance with the equitable amount of plush texture."

**Reviews**

None