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Mike Bennie - WBM - Jan/Feb 2025 - 95 Points
"A blend of prestigious parcels from Angels Rise and Warboys vineyards of Angove. A single barrel. Top flight wine. This has depth and energy hand-inhand, bold ultra concentrated chocolate-dipped raspberry, blackcurrants, panforte, cola notes, liquorice, cedary woody elements, turned earth and a lift of minty freshness in tow. A lot going on here, all mellow, meshed beautifully and palate staining in intensity. In its ilk, done superbly."

Halliday Wine Companion - Marcus Ellis - September 2024 - 95 Points
"Presented in a neat black box, the interior detailed like a Victorian Wunderkammer, this has all the trappings of a prestige bottling, right down to the pewter-like crest centred on the stout bottle. A blend of the two top barrels from the two top estate sites, Warboys and Angels Rise, this comprises some of the bass notes of the former and the relative levity of the latter. Fruits are red and black, cherry, blackberry and sour plum with licorice, earth, dark spices, dark chocolate and a little leathery savouriness. Tannins insistent though integrated and resolved."

Steve Q Wine Reviews - May 2024 - 96 Points
"The new flagship for Angove Family Wines, this Brightlands Shiraz is a blend of the best barrels of Shiraz from the Warboys and Angels Rise vineyards. A wine to stash away, it's a cuddle for the insides - just brilliant! Mulberries and blueberries consume the fruit profile with char and cured meat highlights flanking the edges. The dense berry fruit drives long with blackberries building some momentum. Earthy with a flicker of licorice, there is a little Cherry Ripe thing going on too. Ribbons of dark chocolate parade with absolute ease. Moroccan spices, earthy spices and woodsy spices all combine to deliver a moreish tingle that keeps you coming back time and again. Gloriously balanced, there is a delicacy and confidence about its stride. Decant well for now but your best bet is to hold - this will live long. Yep, just brilliant!"

Jeni Port - Wine Pilot - May 2024 - 96 Points
"A blend of the best single barrel of each of the 2020 vintage Angels Rise Vineyard Shiraz and Warboys Vineyard Shiraz. The two contrasting styles blend and marry well. Angels Rise elevated spiciness meets Warboys generous, sweet black fruits. An elegant style showcasing the region's Shiraz style and strengths in ripe blackberries, cassis, aniseed, spices, fennel, wild herbs and earth, and layering them seamlessly across a medium-bodied palate well measured in tannin and French oak. Finishes strong. Those looking for a good cellaring proposition can look here."

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Q Wine Reviews - Steve Leszczynski - February 2026 - 96 Points
"A standout release from Angove, the Brightlands Shiraz unites the finest barrels of the Warboys and Angels Rise. This is the second release of the now flagship wine, and it is a clear step up from the two single-vineyard releases, ensuring the sum of the parts is greater. Tasted over a few days, this Shiraz reveals a quiet sense of class with an effortless poise and sophistication. Opening with an abundant basket full of plums, dark cherries, boysenberries and red berries, dark chocolate, vanilla, mushroom broth and cedar add elegant savoury nuances. It's a generous wine but doesn't possess clout, nor is it bulky or weighed down. Fruit bun spices and Chinese Five Spice are brushed onto an exceptional length that seems never-ending. Already with three years of bottle under its belt prior to release, this is an ageworthy Shiraz. Cellar this with confidence for decades and expect to embrace its graceful evolution."

The Vintage Journal - The South Australian Wine Guide 2026 - 97 Points
"A single barrel selection from two esteemed sites: the Angels Rise Vineyard and Warboys Vineyard. This marks the beginnings of the Angove story and is only produced in exceptional years. Strap yourself in because you are in for one hell of a wild ride – from the get go, you are met with damson plums, fresh rhubarb and Chinese jujube fruit. A breeze of red rose petals wafts in and out. There is a wealth of spice and savoury elements scattered throughout the drinking experience. Dried speck, porcini mushroom and cumin powder. Acidity accelerates the red fruit intensity, and tannins are a plume of silt. Sumac and paprika take hold. This wine shows its pedigree both in site and handling, for its elegance and detail are astounding. It doesn't miss a beat for the way it takes you on a ride of exotic fruit, spice and earth whilst gliding across your palate and staying for long moments. Oak is extremely well handled, sitting in wait whilst the red-berried and fractured earth speak loudest. Truly impressive and great value at its price. Drink now–2035"

2026 Halliday Wine Companion, Marcus Ellis - August 2025 - 96 Points
"The Angove prestige bottling, in its second vintage, is a composite of their two premium Vale sites. It's impactful, deep in fruit and earthy import as well as being spice-laden and fragrant. Brambly berries and black olives tumble out with red fruits, macerated cherries and some florals, cocoa powder, suitably but not overtly lux oak and chalky, ferrous-inflected mineral notes. Like the inaugural release, this benefits from the light and shade of both vineyard sites, but here the nexus of generosity and relative elan is more tightly aligned. It's extremely smart, and it will age impeccably."

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Windsor Dobbin - Gourmetontheroad.com - August 2024
"For five generations now the Angove family has been making wines to suit all palates and all budgets. The Angoves are a family that go about their business with a minimum of fuss, but with plenty of attention to detail. Now the family has unveiled a new flagship wine: the 2000 Brightlands Shiraz. Big and dense at first, the wine opens up in the glass to reveal layers of muscularity with fruit intensity and structure. It finishes satisfyingly smooth and impressively balanced. "

Andrew Graham - ozwinereview.com - September 2024
"The fun foldout presentation box sets the tone. This inaugural Angove Brightlands Shiraz 2020 is the Angove family statement wine, a deadly serious expression of how far the brand has evolved. This Brightlands, all 1140 bottles, uses fruit from the Warboys & Angels Rise Vineyards (the best barrel from each) in different parts of McLaren Vale (. It also feels like a flagship red, a deep, molten, powerful expression of ambition and density. It also has a particular 2020 Vale vintage mark to it, from the slightly forward nose to the black desiccation of the tannins, and the acidity is lumpy. It's black, deep, warming, driven by the mid-palate intensity, and then getting heartier and throatier as it finishes."