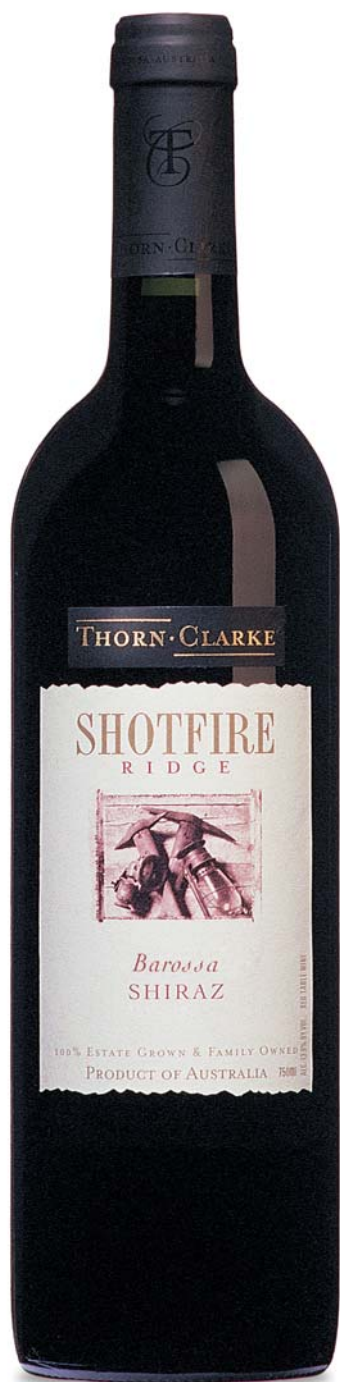


## THORN · CLARKE

*Barossa Wines · Australia*

### TASTING NOTES

#### 2004 SHOTFIRE RIDGE SHIRAZ



PRODUCT	Shotfire Ridge
VINTAGE	2004
APPELLATION	Barossa
HARVEST DATE	March and April 2004
BOTTLING DATE	June 2005
TA	7.02
PH	3.50
ALCOHOL	14.6%
VARIETIES	100% Shiraz
VINEYARDS	Kabingee, St Kitts and Milton Park

#### 2004 VINTAGE

2004 Vintage across the Barossa varied from mild to warm resulting in a good size crop, with outstanding quality fruit. The grapes were ripe, but quite small thereby producing wines of intense colours and flavours.

#### VINIFICATION

Grapes for this wine were sourced from the most outstanding blocks from all of our Shiraz producing vineyards. The grapes were crushed and destemmed into open fermenters. Yeast was added immediately once in the fermenter and the ferments were pumped over twice daily to maximise colour, tannin and flavour extraction. Cooling was used to ensure ferments remain in the 22-25°C range which allowed the fruit to display maximum fruit expression. Pressing then occurred approximately seven days after crushing and the wine was then put into a mix of French and American oak to mature.

#### BARREL AGEING

12 to 18 months in 40% new American and French hogsheads, with the balance going into 2nd and 3rd fill barrels.

#### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Deep red in colour. The lifted nose is a complex mixture of lush blackberry fruit, dark plums and spicy oak. The palate is pure opulence with stacks of berry fruit, liquorice and dark chocolate oak. The tannins are velvety and approachable giving the palate weight and richness. The wine finishes with great length of liquorice and coffee characters.

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