

THORN · CLARKE

Barossa Wines · Australia

## SANDPIPER SHIRAZ

The Sandpiper range is named after the migratory bird which visits the Thorn-Clarke vineyards annually from the northern hemisphere - something of a reminder of the tenacity and commitment which is required for long term viticulture.



<b>VINTAGE</b>	2011	<b>REGION</b>	Barossa
<b>HARVESTED</b>	March 2011	<b>BOTTLED</b>	March 2012
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	14.5%		

### WINEMAKERS NOTE

Lighter in style than usual, the wine offers aromas of sweet berry fruits, plums, pepper and spice. There is rich fruit on the palate displaying plums, blackberry and sweet spice from the subtle oak. Nice soft tannins are accompanied by great length of fruit flavour.

### VINTAGE

This vintage had a cool, slow ripening period which has in turn produced elegant red wines.

### WINEMAKING

The grapes are crushed and de-stemmed into fermenters. Yeast is added immediately once in fermenter and the ferments are pumped over twice daily to maximise colour, tannin and flavour extraction. Cooling is used to ensure ferment temperatures remain in the 22-25 degree celcius range which will allow the fruit to display maximum fruit expression. Pressing then occurs approximately seven days after crushing and the wine is then put into predominately American oak to mature.

### OAK MATURATION

12 months in American oak.

