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TASTING NOTES

2004 SANDPIPER SHIRAZ



APPELLATION	Barossa
VINEYARDS	St Kitts and Milton Park
HARVEST DATE	April 2004
BOTTLING DATE	August 2005
PH	3.63
TA	6.33
ALCOHOL	14.5

ACCOLADES

89 points, Best Buy - Robert M Parker Wine Advocate (USA) Oct 05.

2004 VINTAGE

2004 Vintage varied from warm to quite hot 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

The grapes are crushed and destemmed 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 ferments remain in the 22-25 degrees 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 predominantly American oak to mature.

BARREL AGEING

12 months in American oak.

COMMENTS

The colour is a deep inky purple. The nose is quite complex with deep concentrated flavours of black olives and prunes. In addition there are hints of dark chocolate and bacon oak. The palate is medium to full bodied with intense plummy fruit. This plummy fruit fills the whole palate and combined with the soft and approachable tannins creates a very mouthfilling wine. The length of flavour is long with plum and liquorice fruit and spicy oak.

100% ESTATE GROWN – FAMILY OWNED

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