

**THORN·CLARKE**

*Barossa Wines · Australia*



#### TASTING NOTES

#### **2008 SANDPIPER SHIRAZ**

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HARVEST DATE	March 2008
BOTTLING DATE	March 2009
Ph	3.54
TA	6.74
ALCOHOL	15%
REGION	BAROSSA

#### 2008 VINTAGE

2008 was a very warm year with harvest being completed in a very short period. The resultant wines from the vintage reflect the growing conditions with loads of upfront fruit and rich mouthfeel, meaning wines from this vintage will have a great deal of aging potential as well.

#### VINIFICATION

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 ferments remain in the 22-25 degrees Celsius 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

Deep red colour. The wine is deep and rich smelling with dark fruits, plums and spice with some good oak. There is very rich fruit on the palate with plums, blackberry and sweet spice from the oak. The palate is vibrant and young with a flavoursome viscous mouthfeel which will develop complexity with time. There are some slightly chewy tannins which will soften with time and there is great length of fruit flavour.



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