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Barossa Wines · Australia

TASTING NOTES

2004 SHOTFIRE QUARTAGE



APPELLATION	Barossa Valley
VINEYARDS	Kabinenge, Milton Park and St Kitts
HARVEST DATE	April and May 2004
BOTTLING DATE	June 2005
PH	3.53
TA	6.92
ALCOHOL	14.1

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

Gold and 3 Trophies including best red or white wine and the best red wine of the show - Adelaide Wine Show 2005.

Gold and Trophy - Barossa Wine Show 2005.

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 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 a mix of French and American oak to mature.

BARREL AGEING

12 months in tight grain French (85%) and American oak (15%).

COMMENTS

The colour is a deep inky purple. There is an intense lifted perfume nose of great complexity. The predominant aromas are of berry and liquorice fruit supported by spicy French oak. The palate is full bodied and complex due to the five varieties used in the blend. The Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc provide wonderful upfront berry fruits, the Malbec and Petit Verdot provide great depth of flavour and intensity, while the Merlot gives the palate a wonderful suppleness. The grainy tannins add to the rich mouthfeel of the wine. There is awesome length to this wine with the berry fruit and spicy oak lingering.

100% ESTATE GROWN – FAMILY OWNED

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