

Barossa Babe Tasting Notes

2004 Barossa Valley Shiraz

Grapes

100% Shiraz

District of origin of grapes

100% Barossa Valley, South Australia

Vinification

Warm fermentation in small open fermenters

18 months storage in oak

46% new French oak barrels

40% 2 year old French oak barriques

14% 3 year old French oak barriques

Analysis

Alcohol 15.0%

pH 3.52

Acid 6.30g/L

Sugar 1.5g/L

Colour

Black as the ace of spades.

Nose

A brooding plum nose, with a rich concentration of chocolate, black fruits and licorice aromas.

Subtle nutty/spice notes originating from 18 months in French oak.

Palate

A big, rich, lush wine, but also has a degree of elegance. It is not 'over the top Barossa style' as the previous drought ravaged vintage of 2003 - the uber ripe primary fruits of 2003 have been replaced with exquisitely rich black berry fruits and subtle spiciness. It's a flavour laden palate, showing plenty of weight and depth with integrated tannins and a subtle oak finish.

Winemakers comments

Much of this wine is made from 140 year old Barossa Valley Shiraz vines. The intense power and complexity of this creation from Mother Nature will continue to improve in the bottle over the next 15 years or more.

