

Barossa Babe Tasting Notes

2005 Barossa Valley Shiraz

Grapes

100% Shiraz

District of origin of grapes

100% Barossa Valley, South Australia

Vinification

Warm fermentation in small open fermenters

24 months storage in oak

100% new French oak barriques

Analysis

Alcohol 16.0%

pH 3.43

Acid 6.74g/L

Sugar 2.8g/L

Colour

Black as the ace of spades.

Nose

A soaring fruit laden nose of berries and more berries. Lots of snippets of dark chocolate and some tobacco. You just can see the nuttiness and smokiness of the 24 months in French oak...it's amazing that after 24 months in new oak the berry fruit still shines through.

Palate

Sit down in an armchair and get comfortable, as this wine won't be over in a hurry. Black, brooding fruit rule the palate. It's simply brimming with quintessential Barossa Shiraz flavours of black cherries, black plums, blackberries, and some dark chocolate for good measure. There's no blunt coconut oak characters here, it's all classy spice and cashew nuttiness from the French oak. The length of this wine is outstanding, and the velvet tannins have you licking your lips for more.

Winemakers comments

Much of this wine is made from 140 year old Barossa Valley Shiraz vines. Coupled with an excellent vintage, this is one of the finest Barossa Babe's produced to date. 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.

