

Gartelmann “Wilhelm” Shiraz 2008

TASTING NOTES

The Wilhelm is a classic Hunter Shiraz. Selected fruit from older, low-yielding vines is fermented at controlled temperatures for 7 days, followed by maturation in a mix of seasoned French and American oak.

A wine of flavour, finesse and balance, showing ripe berry fruit with a dusting of spice and savoury oak elements. Medium bodied, with a supple, flowing palate framed by silky fine-grained tannins on along and persistent finish.

Cellaring: Drinking well now and through 2012.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was machine-picked at night before being de-stemmed and crushed at the winery. The fruit was cold-soaked for 24 hours and then cool-fermented at 18°C - 25°C for 7 days. Malolactic fermentation was completed in the barrel and the wine matured for 19 months in selected French and American oak barrels. The final blend was given a light fining with egg white and then sterile-filtered at bottling.

VINTAGE

2008 was a very difficult year in the lower Hunter with heavy rainfalls in January and February, and less than optimal warm, dry weather.

Our Wilhelm was sourced from the Broke region of the Hunter Valley, which received only about 20% of the rainfall the lower Hunter received. These grapes were picked 13 days after the initial February rainfall.

TECHNICAL DATA

Region: Hunter Valley

Sub Region: Broke

Elevation: 120m ASL

Vine Age: 12 Years

Grape Varieties: 100% Shiraz

Vines per Ha: 2500

Pruning Method: Spur

Training Method: VSP trellis

Harvest Method: Machine Harvested at night

Harvest Date: 27th February, 2008

Alcohol: 13%

Residual Sugar: 3.0 g/L

Titrateable Acidity (tartaric): 7.3 g/L

pH: 3.54

Volatile Acidity: 0.77 g/L

SO₂ post bottling (free/total): 46/140 ppm

Bottled: 21st October, 2009

Fining/Filtration: Egg white/0.45µm

Production: 489 dozen (750mL)



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Hunter Valley

750ml Wine of Australia 13.5% Vol

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