

2014 3 RINGS BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ



Year: 2014

Brand: 3 Rings

Variety: Shiraz

Varietal: 100%

Region: Barossa Valley

Bottle Size: 750ml Stelvin

Total Case Production: 5,000 cases

Tasting Notes:

Colour: Deep midnight black with a squid ink hue.

Bouquet: Expressive and powerful notes of dark and exotic wild berries.

Palate: A full bodied wine. Layered beautifully with texture and elegance. Strong presence of dark and rich chocolates, traces of tar, leather and spice lead to a core of supple yet immense fruit driven characteristics, with a flavour wrapped finish towards the end of the palate.

Food: Slow cooked brisket, grilled lamb, grass feed beef and of course a New York strip stake.

Analytical Data: Alcohol 15.0%, Total acidity: 6.7g/l, Residual sugar: 1.2g/l, pH: 3.64

Vintage Comments:

Yield: 3.0 tonnes per acre

Harvest: March 2014

The 2014 Barossa vintage will go down as a testament to the ability of both grapes and people to thrive under challenge. Good winter and early spring rains filled the soils and set the vines up well for the season. After an average September rainfall, October had only 56% and November 11% of average rainfall. On Valentine's Day the season changed and between 100 and 150 mm of rain fell in just over 24 hours. This and the following cool weather caused the rush of the early vintage to slow down and the rest of vintage progressed at an almost leisurely pace. Generally lower than average crops, but plenty of flavour and acid. Reds are exceptionally rich in quality, with dense colours that suggest to be very age worthy.

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Winemaker: Alan Hickinbotham