

# Mojo Tasting Notes



## 2009 Mojo Shiraz

### Grapes

100% Shiraz

### District of origin of grapes

100% Barossa Valley, South Australia

### Vinification

Warm fermentation in static fermenters on skins for 10 – 14 days at 22°C. Gentle pressing off skins using airbag press.

Completed Malolactic fermentation with new French and American oak. Bottled to screwcap to retain freshness.

### Oak maturation

Matured on 60% New French Oak and 40% New American Oak for 12 months.

### Analysis

Alcohol 15.4%

pH 3.49

Acid 6.65g/L

Sugar 3.3g/L

### Colour

Purple red with ruby hue.

### Nose

Honest regional nose of earthy Barossa Valley floor, stewed plums and lifted vanillin.

### Palate

A soft, full palate, laden with juicy upfront fruit of ripe Satsuma plums, blackberry, cherry cola and a liberal splash of sweet oak. These fleshy primary characters extend suggestively through the round smooth palate, revealing ample layers of subtle spicy cinnamon, chocolate, vanilla and a savoury, meaty complexity. The finish is silky smooth endowed with integrated velvety, chalky tannins and a nifty trace of black pepper.

### Food match

Absolutely perfect with a dish of slow braised ox tail, roasted veal or a simple rare rump steak.

### Winemakers comments

2009 saw a perfect lead up to vintage with mild ripening conditions and one of the coolest December's on record. Such mellow conditions allowed for balanced accumulation of carbohydrates and a gentle diminishing of acid in the fruit. Berry size was on the smaller size which meant the skin to juice ratio was always going to be high and very favourable for our shiraz in particular. January, however, realised another heatwave, the damage resulting in a reasonable desiccation of berries and further limited crop yield. The combination of these factors produced yields of less than 2T/acre, creating very concentrated fruit flavour and super concentrated tannins. The positive outcome is another juicy, earthy and velvety Mojo Shiraz.

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