

Tasting Notes

Made from grapes grown on the **eastern ridge** of the Barossa by the Schrapel Family. This youthful medium bodied wine smells of ripe cherries, florals and plums.

It is a very natural, **elegant style with floral cherry** characters, blackberries and plums on the palate. The finish is soft with a restrained tannin structure and balanced **toasty oak** notes.

Vineyard Notes

The Shiraz fruit was sourced from the Schrapel family vineyards planted along the eastern ridge of the Barossa foothills. Traditional viticulture practices were applied with the yield from old vines, 6.25t/Ha. The vineyards were hand pruned to 70 buds per vine to limit yields and concentrate aromatics and flavour profile.

Vintage Report

The weather leading up to the 2014 vintage was **eclectic** in the Barossa. A wet winter followed by frost during November 2013 caused concern among many wineries, but no significant damage was reported.

Mild conditions from December to January dominated the Barossa, but was interrupted by a heat spell in late January, with temperatures exceeding 40-degrees. Good vineyard management practices prior to ripening allowed vines to respond well to these conditions.

Rains in February granted a reprieve, providing milder ripening conditions and allowing growers to pick on flavour ripeness as opposed to fruit sweetness.

A challenging vintage but one that will bring out the **best in winemaking** and viticulture practices.

Winemaking Report

The fruit was crushed, de stemmed and left on skins in open top fermenters for eight days at a controlled temperature of 15-18 degrees.

The juice was then racked and pumped over the skin cap for **optimal colour and fine tannin extraction**. Once the primary fermentation was completed the juice was pressed and left to settle to complete secondary fermentation before being transferred into older **French oak barrels** for maturation.

The wine was matured for 12 months in oak to enhance fruit and palate structure development before bottling.

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Bethany 'Creek' Shiraz 2014

Region

Barossa Valley

Blend

Shiraz 100%

Acidity

6.02g/L

Alcohol/volume

13.5%

Residual sugar

2.3 g/L

Winemaker

Geoff and Robert Schrapel

