



2006 3 RINGS BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ

Year: 2006

Brand: 3 Rings

Variety: Shiraz

Varietal: 100%

Region: Barossa Valley

Bottle Size: 750ml Stelvin

Total Case Production: 14,000 cases

Tasting Notes:

Colour: An opaque purple colour, with a black hue.

Bouquet: Blackberry and spice perfume, hints of white stone fruit and aniseed.

Palate: Medium to full-bodied, jammy perfume of cedar, spice box, violets, blueberry and blackberry. Supple in texture and flavour, balanced with well-integrated tannins. Best drinking 2006-2015.

Analytical Data: Alcohol 15.0%, Total acidity: N/A g/l, Residual sugar: N/A g/l, pH: N/A

Vintage Comments:

Yield: 4 tonnes per acre

Harvest: April 2006

After a very wet start to the season (nearly 300mm of rain by mid November), December was mostly dry and hot with the maximum reaching 41.8 degrees Celsius. The warm weather and moisture contributed to very healthy canopies and increased yields in some vineyards. The abundance of moisture resulted in bunches with higher than average weights. This increase was seen around the time of veraison (physiological period when grapes soften, accumulate sugar, lose acid and red varieties change colour) so fruit thinning was completed early enough to allow the remainder of the fruit to ripen evenly.

January, February and March were very dry and warm to hot. January was especially hot with several days in a row over 40 degrees. While some rain fell in late March, most of the Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon had already been picked, and the Grenache had already ripened prior to the weather change. The resultant wines express characters of rich red fruits and spice on the nose.

Producer: 3 Rings Pty Ltd

Grower/Owner: David & Dena Hickinbotham

Winemaker: Chris Ringland

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