



2012 3 RINGS BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ

Year: 2012

Brand: 3 Rings

Variety: Shiraz

Varietal: 100%

Region: Barossa Valley

Bottle Size: 750ml Stelvin

Total Case Production: 7,000 cases

Tasting Notes:

Colour: An opaque purple black centre with a reddish blue hue.

Bouquet: A powerful fusion of layered rhubarb, dark berried and plums joined well with traces of cedar and tobacco.

Palate: Blueberry spice, red liquorice with explosions of dark chocolate and ripe dark plum flesh; reveal an underlying complexity of black olive, peat and aniseed. Juicy and textural, revealing a wonderful density of fruit with smooth and subtle tannins; leading to a long harmonious finish.

Food: Shepard's Pie (beef or lamb), Bangers and Mash, Ravioli pasta with cheese, Lamb Kebabs or a simple Ham and Pea Salad to a Split Pea Soup with Ham.

Analytical Data: Alcohol 14.9%, Total acidity: 5.8 g/l, Residual sugar: 0.8 g/l, pH: 3.73

Vintage Comments:

Yield: 3 tonnes per acre

Harvest: March 2012

A warmer spring and cooler summer saw the Barossa Valley begin vintage 2012 with some exceptionally healthy vines and expectations for early maturation. Temperatures in the Barossa in spring (September to November) were slightly above average, which led to good vegetative growth, healthy vines and potentially early maturation, while summer mean maximum temperatures were cooler than average; vines were well set up leading into an early harvest which produced excellent quality across the region.

Producer: Ill Rings Pty Ltd

Grower/Owner: David & Dena Hickinbotham

Winemaker: Andrew Hercock

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