

Groom

P R E M I U M A U S T R A L I A N W I N E S

Variety: 100% Shiraz
Appellation: Barossa Valley, South Australia
Vintage: 2003
Maturation: 15 months, 100% American oak hogsheads
(25% new, 60% 1-year old, 15% 2-year old)
Alcohol: 14.6% V/V
pH Acid: 3.64 6.1gm/litre
Production: 983 cases

The 2003 Australian harvest produced many excellent wines. Widespread drought early in the season challenged and inhibited vine growth, which resulted in very low yields. Idyllic weather conditions in the latter part of the growing season favored, in particular, the later ripening Shiraz grape variety. Berry size was quite small with low juice yields and concentrated flavors.

Our 2003 release typifies the vintage conditions. It is big, black and an intensely colored wine. The nose shows very generous black fruit characteristics of cherries, plums and cassis. A touch of anise and spice emerge, identifying shiraz as the true personality. The up front color and aroma intensity deceive one to think of big aggressive tannins and an unruly end, but you will be surprised to find the palate rich, round and voluptuous with a soft lingering finish. We make this wine to enjoy now but with this much flavor intensity, it will also serve you well with further maturation. Be seduced!



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