

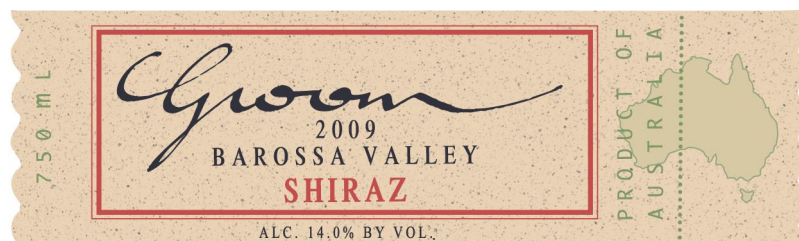
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PREMIUM AUSTRALIAN WINES

<i>Variety:</i>	100% Shiraz
<i>Appellation:</i>	Barossa Valley, South Australia
<i>Vintage:</i>	2009
<i>Maturation:</i>	16 months, 50% American oak and 50% French (26% new)
<i>Alcohol:</i>	14.6% V/V
<i>pH Acid:</i>	3.56 6.7gm/litre
<i>Production:</i>	544 cases

2009 was just a fantastic growing season; a text book vintage. We are really excited about the quality of the wines that our vineyards produced. Due to cool conditions budburst started 2 weeks later than 2008. Ideal climatic conditions followed during flowering and fruit set. We got our usual heat spike in late January and early February that really gave the vines and grapes a ripening boost. This was followed by beautiful, mild conditions that gave stellar fruit hang time on the vine, and finally, grapes with great flavor and structure. The only sad aspect was that yields were very low; just reaching a miniscule 2 ton/acre.

We love our 2009 Shiraz. It is a very deep in color, almost black. The wine is a little more finely structured when compared to the very full, rich 2008. The nose shows great red and black fruit aromas with a touch of vanilla, licorice and white pepper. Again, we especially love the palate of this wine, particularly the warmth, length and almost creamy, velvety silkiness it delivers. This is an awesome, delicious wine. Enjoy now due to its exceptional balance or put away for 5-15 years and reward yourself in the future!



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