

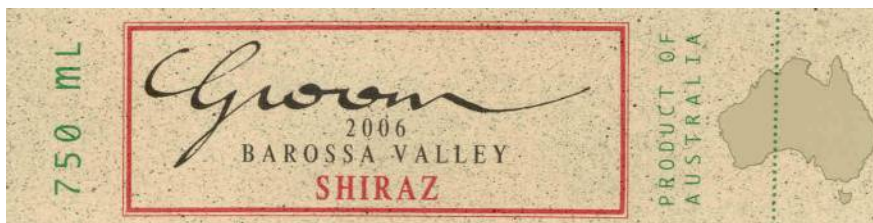
Groom

PREMIUM AUSTRALIAN WINES

Variety:	100% Shiraz
Appellation:	Barossa Valley, South Australia
Vintage:	2006
Maturation:	15 months, 100% American oak hogsheads (30% new)
Alcohol:	14.8% V/V
pH Acid:	3.58 6.7gm/litre
Production:	1,734 cases total

The 2006 vintage in Australia was another really great harvest, particularly for shiraz. Grape yields were below average and berry size was small, both ideal for high quality red wine production. Above average winter and spring rains, and early cool conditions gave an incredible start to the season. Ample heat during the latter part of the season bolstered flavor ripening and sugar accumulation. Happily most of our grapes were harvested before the late March rains arrived.

Our 2006 Shiraz is a very classy, beautifully structured wine. True to its variety, the wine is deep, black and brooding in color. The nose shows bright fresh aromas of spice, licorice and black currants. We have purposely kept the new oak component at a minimum to allow the vibrant fruit characters of the vintage to elevate. We especially love the palate of this wine, particularly the warmth, length and velvety silkiness it delivers. This is an awesome, delicious wine that we are very proud of. Enjoy!



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