

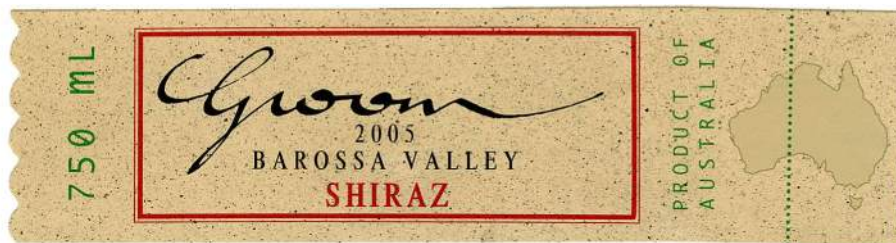
# Groom

## PREMIUM AUSTRALIAN WINES

<b>Variety:</b>	<b>100% Shiraz</b>
<b>Appellation:</b>	<b>Barossa Valley, South Australia</b>
<b>Vintage:</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>Maturation:</b>	15 months, 100% American oak hogsheads (25% new, 60% 1-year old, 15% 2-year old)
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.4% V/V
<b>pH Acid:</b>	3.53 6.56gm/litre
<b>Production:</b>	1240 cases

The 2005 vintage in Australia was an exceptional harvest. Quality would be rated close to fantastic, with wines just slightly behind the incredible 2002 harvest. Ideal conditions were the norm during the start of the growing season. Rains in January turned out to be a blessing as they topped up ground moisture for the then unknown very warm weather that followed. We were blessed with an Indian Summer that allowed vines and grapes to reach full optimum maturity.

Our 2005 Shiraz reverts back to a fuller, more powerful wine than the elegantly structured 2004. This wine is deep and rich in color. The nose exhibits red and black fruit aromas and flavors along with a hint of anise, which are classic characteristics of Shiraz. 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 velvet silkiness it delivers. An awesome, delicious wine. Enjoy!



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