



HAND PICKED, BASKET PRESSED AND UNFILTERED

The Everest

CHATEAU CRU
SHIRAZ
2008

- Variety : Shiraz - An uncompromising blend of two specially selected vineyards
- Region : 100% Barossa Valley (Greenock & Lyndoch)
- Fermentation : Fermented in open fermenters over 9 day period, daily hand plunging & pump overs. Only the highest quality, drainings run off to complete MLF in oak and then matured for 24 months in French oak, matured on lees to maintain structure and fruit profile, minimal SO₂
- Oak : 24 months in 2 New French Oak Puncheons (500L)
- Yield : < 1 ton per acre
- Tasting Note : Dense ruby colour, with an intense, enticing nose of rich, red berry fruits and subtle French oak. The wine is incredibly dense and focussed with a richness and purity that simply exudes top class Barossa Shiraz. Rich dark chocolate, mocha and cedar spice are all to the fore but the central core is highly focussed. Supple tannins from the gentle press merely complement the fruit, silky and rich yet impressively interwoven into the wine. The fruit/ acid balance ensures excellent length and provides a purity of structure for long term ageing.
- Bottled : Unfiltered
- Awards : 2005 Vintage - World's Best Syrah/ Shiraz - IWSC



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Score: 95 Points

Review by: Huon Hooke, Gourmet Traveller WINE

This is about as rich and opulent as Barossa Shiraz gets. It is well-made and displays pinpoint fruit ripeness. Mocha, dark chocolate, toasted-barrel aromas; dark plum and blackberry, too. Thick, dense and ultra-concentrated.

Score: 96 Points

Review by: James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion 2012

Only two new French puncheons (less than 90 dozen bottles) are made of this wine; the bouquet immediately attests to its quality, with fragrant black fruits and integrated oak, the medium- to full-bodied palate imperious in its power and drive, savoury nuances within the heart of the deep fruit flavours adding to the length of the palate.

SUPERB FOLLOW UP

Review by: Kerry Skinner, Illawarra Mercury

Superb follow-up to the '05 Everest that was voted the world's best shiraz at last year's International Wine and Spirit Competition. To be released next month this new vintage is hand picked, basket pressed, opulent and very, very classy. Robust and brooding, layers of red and black fruit, a core of pepper and spice, balance and poise, lovely oak and supple tannins.

THE EVEREST SHIRAZ IS ALL CLASS...

Review by: Tony Love, The Advertiser

The Everest Shiraz is also all class; soft, ripe, totally balanced drinking.

4 1/2 STARS

Review by: Winestate

Classy and stylish, with spicy/leafy pine needle like bouquet and a long, creamy palate with fine definition of ripe berry fruit flavours nicely blended with oak.

94 POINTS

Review by: Gary Walsh, The Wine Front

Brown spice and sugar, red berries, liquorice, cedar and vanilla. Big and ripe, firm tannin, plenty of depth and savoury toasty wood on the finish. Primal but pretty good. In balance in a stentorian way. Rosy oak an attractive garnish.

