

FAT OF THE LAND

2010 Shiraz From a Single Vineyard in
Seppeltsfield in the Barossa Valley

Grab

A muscular brooding expression of Barossa Shiraz.

Spiel

The Barossa is an amazing place with a diverse history from which a great community has grown living off the Fat of the Land. Famed for its Shiraz vineyards, some dating back to the 19th century, the wines from this small, but proud region are as unique and divergent as its history and community. One can make such varied expressions of Shiraz, due to the different meso-climates of each subregion, the elevation range, and the myriad of soil types that are to be found throughout the Barossa. The Fat of the Land series seeks to showcase the sub regions of the Barossa, and the contrasting styles of Shiraz that can be made here.

Colour

Dark kirsch

Bouquet

Lifted dark cherry aromas with notes of licorice and dark chocolate

Palate

Flavour packed with kirsch, prunes, dark chocolate and liquorice. Rich and muscular, like Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Grub Match

English 'school dinner' style liver and bacon; sweetbreads

Cellaring

Built for aging not for speed, have another look at this sleeper in 10 to 15 years time.

Vintage

We received some of the best winter rains for five years that refilled soil profiles and replenished empty irrigation dams. Hooray! But an unseasonal seven day burst of hot weather in early November during flowering, reduced fruit-set and led to variable yields. Boo! Weather conditions through the ripening months of February and March were ideal with warm sunny days and relatively cool nights. Hooray! Although rain events in April kept us on our toes. Boo! So the 10 vintage 'wasn't all beer and skittles'. The variable ripening made it tough to decide when to pick, but experience and sorcery got us through, resulting in some solid booze in the winery. Hooray!

Vineyard

Darren's vineyard is to the north of Seppeltsfield in the west of the Barossa – 285m above sea level on clay over limestone

Vinification

The fruit is crushed/destemmed and fermented at temperatures ranging from 20- 25°C for 12 days on skins. The ferment is managed by a variety of techniques, including 'aerative pump overs' and 'drain and returns' which assist in extracting colour, flavour and tannin from the grapes. At the end of fermentation, it is drained/pressed, and transferred to 50% new French oak hogsheads, and the balance to 3 and 4 year old French oak hogsheads to undergo MLF. Post MLF, sulphur dioxide is added, and the wines mature sur lie for 24 months. This wine was bottled unfiltered in February 2012.

