

FAT OF THE LAND

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

Grab

A spicy complex 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 plum

Bouquet

Lifted red fruit aromas with complexing floral notes and hints of cinnamon and Chinese spices

Palate

Broad, mouthfilling red fruit and spicecake mid palate with floury tannins, and complex flavours of earth, wet stone / slate with a hint of cedar and leather. Enigmatic like Humphrey Bogart

Grub Match

Saddle of venison with wild mushroom fricassee and Armagnac cream; roast duck breast with cinnamon and honey

Cellaring

An ethereal wine for the intellectual, so ponder now, or in 10 to 15 years

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

Shawn's vineyard is just north east of Greenock in the north west of the Barossa -330m above sea level on clay with ironstone

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 75% 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.

