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2008 Brokenwood Indigo Vineyard Shiraz

Variety: Shiraz
Region: Beechworth – VIC

Winemakers Comments:

A much anticipated vintage. The drought that caused the dearth of fruit in 2007 was broken with very good winter rain. A warm dry summer was then tempered by some rain in February leading to cooler ripening conditions. Another reason to get excited was the first crop of Selection Massale Shiraz. These cuttings were taken from the Graveyard Vineyard, Rayner Vineyard, Wade Block 2 and Seville Estate. We had enough fruit to vinify as separate batches and then each barrel tasted to give a final small bottling of our first Indigo Vineyard Shiraz.

Every wine country and region has an ongoing debate over the pros and cons of selection massale versus clonal selection. The latter gives a vineyard of identical genetic make-up as opposed to the historic but random nature of the grape genetic material in massale.

The 'State of Origin' block on the Graveyard Vineyard mirrors the Indigo planting and future comparisons are keenly awaited.

Vinification:

Processing started with 3-4 day cold soaking and then a 4-5 day ferment with hand plunging. Maturation was in predominantly new French oak with some American barriques. The oak regime with this wine matured in 50/50 French and American.

Tasting Notes:

Excellent deep, dense red with purple tints. Very attractive aromas of dark chocolate, earth and dark berries. Some oak vanillin contribution. Very good medium bodied palate weight and nicely balanced alcohol. Aromas of briar and 'pepper' Shiraz characters along with the ripe berry fruits. Wood and fruit tannins give a balanced finish and gives length. A very good example of a young medium-bodied red that can be consumed now right through to long term bottle age, as it will reward over time.

Food:

Osso bucco, steak, lamb and cheese.

Technical Data:

Alcohol	14.5%
pH	3.45
Acidity	6.33
Residual Sugar	nil
Availability:	750ml
RRP:	A\$55.00

Our wines are now sealed with screw cap to guarantee quality and consistency.

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