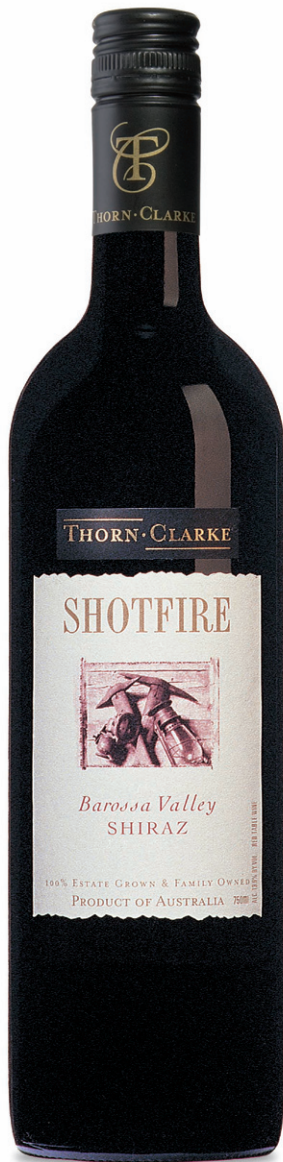


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TASTING NOTES

SHOTFIRE SHIRAZ 2009

REGION	Barossa
HARVEST DATE	April 2009
BOTTLING DATE	August 2010
pH	3.5
TA	6.7g/l
ALCOHOL	15.6%

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The 2009 vintage started a little earlier than usual due to a week of hot weather. Following this, the weather settled down to an extended spell of warm, dry days and cool nights. Some light rain in March provided much needed relief for thirsty vines, and resulted in the vintage finishing well, producing wines with excellent colour and flavour.

WINEMAKING

The grapes are crushed and destemmed into open fermenters. Yeast is added immediately once in fermenter and the ferments are pumped over twice daily to maximise colour, tannin and flavour extraction. Cooling is used to ensure ferments remain in the 22-25 degrees celcius range which will allow the fruit to display maximum fruit expression.

Pressing then occurs approximately seven days after crushing and the wine is then put into a mix of French and American oak to mature.

BARREL AGING

14 to 16 months in 40% new American and French hogsheads, with the balance going into 2nd and 3rd fill barrels.

COMMENTS

Deep red colour, with a lifted and intense nose of blackberry fruit, sweet spice and dark chocolate. The palate is very rich and flavoursome with blackberry and plum fruit. In addition to the primary fruit characters there is plenty of complexity in this wine with spice and earthy notes. There is heaps of mouth filling flavour complemented by chalky tannins. There is great length of fruit as well.