

Schwarz Wine Company



- 2010 The Schiller Shiraz -

The old vines of the Barossa are the jewel in Australia's winemaking crown. The gnarled Ancestor vines of the Schiller vineyard were planted by Carl August Otto Schiller 130 years ago, at his property at Hallett Valley in between Tanunda and Rowland Flat.

There are only 400 of this low-yielding Ancestor vines on the Schiller property and a mere 130 cases of The Schiller Shiraz is available out of 2010. With amazing concentration, fantastic weight on the palate and a surprisingly energetic line of acidity, it is a wine that captivates from start to finish.

As you take a mouthful of this wine think for a minute of those that have pruned, tended and harvested these vines for well over a century and I'm sure you will agree, we are very privileged to have such a resource in our country. Enjoy.

Colour: Impenetrable, opaque, deep red/purple

Bouquet: Concentrated and rich the 2010 Schiller Shiraz shows intense aromas of blackberry, blackcurrant and macerated black plums with notes of cassis and kirsch. There are hints of deep-set spice in the form of clove, five spice, nutmeg and cinnamon along with flashes of Dutch licorice, Barossa earth, "Old Jamaican" chocolate, polished leather, fruitcake and judicious spicy oak.

Palate: Full-bodied on the palate with great texture and drive the wine shows opulent fruit flavours of macerated plum, blackberry and cassis with a heady blast of kirsch for good measure. Hints of clove, cinnamon, nutmeg, fig, roasting meats, dark chocolate, earth and black-strap licorice add complexity of the palate. There is a delightful top-note of violets further back on the palate along with lighter hints of wood smoke and spicy oak. Heady and concentrated with a sprightly line of acidity, melt-in-the-mouth tannins and a finish that seems to trail off endlessly with great balance.



Variety: Shiraz
Vintage: 2010
Region: Barossa Valley
Soil: Loam with a layer of limestone and clay
Vine Age: Planted in 1880s

Alcohol: 15%
pH: 3.38
Production: 130 cases
Oak: 50% French New
Bottled: March 2012
Non filtered or fined.

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