

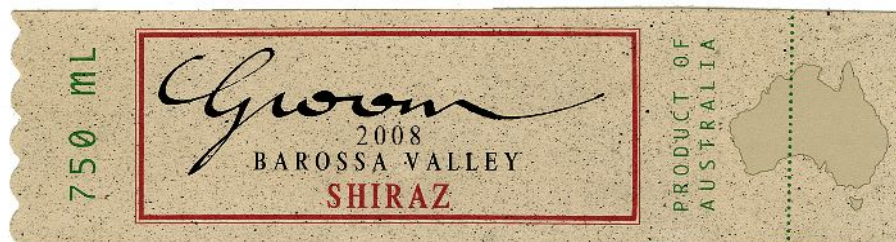
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P R E M I U M A U S T R A L I A N W I N E S

Variety: 100% Shiraz
Appellation: Barossa Valley, South Australia
Vintage: 2008
Maturation: 16 months, 70% American oak and 30% French (26% new)
Alcohol: 14.9% V/V
pH Acid: 3.51 6.9gm/litre

The 2008 vintage in Australia was exceptional and wine quality throughout the Barossa Valley was outstanding. We had good rains at budburst which gave strong early start to the growing season. Drier and hotter conditions followed which were ideal for vine growth. During the main part of the grape ripening period nights were cool and there was no rain. Disease pressure was low and the vines enjoyed the prime conditions. Vintage commenced three weeks early and grape yields were low yielding and normal for the Kalimna area. Harvested before the March heatwave our shiraz has deep color with excellent flavors and tannin. Shiraz in particular this year had more vibrancy and richness than previous years. Despite the heat in March, 2008 was considered a cooler vintage due mostly to unusually mild weather in February.

We love our 2008 Shiraz. It is truly probably the best yet. It is a very deep in color almost black. The nose is bouncy and vibrant with rich aromas of blackberry, licorice, vanilla and spice all coming together in harmony. We especially love the palate of this wine, particularly the warmth, length and almost creamy, velvety silkiness it delivers. This is an awesome, delicious wine, chock-a-block full of everything- wine that we are very proud of. Enjoy now due to its exceptional balance or put away for 5-15 years and reward yourself in the future!



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