



B & W WINES

TASTING NOTES

Tscharke "GIRL TALK" ALBARINO, 2008

BACKGROUND

THE TSCHARKE RANGE HAS BEEN A PROJECT SEVEN YEARS IN THE MAKING AND IS THE RESULT OF THE VISION OF DAMIEN TSCHARKE, PROPRIETOR, VITICULTURALIST AND WINEMAKER BEHIND THE PROJECT. DAMIEN IS A SIXTH GENERATION VIGNERON AND ROSEWORTHY GRADUATE WHO GRADUATED WITH HONOURS IN VITICULTURE IN 2000. DAMIEN IS ALSO THE PROPRIETOR AND WINEMAKER FOR THE ACCLAIMED WINES PRODUCED UNDER THE GLAYMOND BRAND, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2001.

HIS VISION TO EXPLORE AND DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE VARIETALS IN THE BAROSSA VALLEY LED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TSCHARKE BRAND IN 2004. HAVING WORKED ON HIS FAMILY'S VINEYARDS FOR OVER 15 YEARS HE HAS DEVELOPED AN INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF THE VINEYARD SITES AND SUB APPELLATIONS OF MARANANGA AND SEPELTSFIELD LOCATED IN THE BAROSSA VALLEY.

WHILST RESPECTFUL OF THE TRADITION OF GROWING CLASSIC EUROPEAN GRAPE VARIETALS IN THE BAROSSA VALLEY, HE BELIEVES THE CLIMATE OFFERS THE PERFECT LOCATION FOR NEW VARIETALS TO BE INTRODUCED. FOLLOWING EXTENSIVE RESEARCH TEMPRANILLO, GRACIANO, MONTEPULCIANO, ZINFANDEL AND ALBARINO WERE SELECTED AND PLANTED ON THE FAMILY PROPERTY BETWEEN 1999 AND 2002. THE TSCHARKE PORTFOLIO CONSISTS OF FOUR WINES BASED ON THESE VARIETALS. THE PHILOSOPHY BEHIND THE TSCHARKE RANGE IS TO PRODUCE WINES WHICH ARE STYLISTICALLY DISTINCTIVE, THAT CAPTURE THE WARMTH AND RICHNESS OF THE BAROSSA, WHILST OFFERING RIPE BUT BALANCED FRUIT WITH EXCELLENT VARIETAL DEFINITION.

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THICK SKIN, GOOD ACIDITY AND NATURAL RESISTANCE TO HEAT AND DROUGHT. AS A WINEMAKER I WAS DRAWN TO THE FRESH, VIBRANT AROMATIC STYLE. CLEAR, LIGHT STRAW COLOUR, WITH VIBRANT AROMAS OF CUT FLOWERS AND STONE FRUITS. THE PALATE HAS A RICHNESS THAT IS BALANCED BY THE REFRESHING AND LIVELY ACIDITY. THIS STYLE MAKES FOR THE PERFECT APERITIF AS WELL AS A GREAT FOOD WINE – THE PERFECT FOIL FOR RICH CREAMY DISHES SUCH AS A RISOTTO WITH PAN SEARED PRAWNS.

REVIEWS

RATING: 91 POINTS - JAMES HALLIDAY, AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION (2008 VINTAGE)

"CONSIDERABLE DEPTH TO THE BRIGHT GREEN-GOLD COLOUR; THERE IS EQUALLY POSITIVE AND FRAGRANT FRUIT ON THE BOUQUET, AND FLAVOURS ON THE PALATE REMINISCENT OF CUSTARD APPLE WITH A DRESSING OF CITRUS. SCREWCAP."



VINTAGE: 2008

WINERY: TSCHARKE ([HTTP://WWW.TSCHARKE.COM.AU/](http://www.tscharke.com.au/))

REGION: BAROSSA VALLEY (AUSTRALIA)

AVAILABILITY: AVAILABLE IN CONSIGNMENT

COMPOSITION: OTHER WHITES

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