



B & W WINES

TASTING NOTES

Two Hands Angels Share Shiraz, 2008

BACKGROUND

THE 'TWO HANDS' ARE MICHAEL TWELFTREE AND RICHARD MINTZ WHO FORMED THE COMPANY IN 1999 WITH THE CLEAR OBJECTIVE OF MAKING THE BEST POSSIBLE SHIRAZ BASED WINES FROM PRIZED SHIRAZ PRODUCING REGIONS WITHIN AUSTRALIA. FROM THE BEGINNING THE WINES WERE VERY WELL RECEIVED AT HOME AND ABROAD WITH A HEALTHY STREAM OF REVIEWS, CULMINATING IN 2004 WITH ROBERT M. PARKER PRONOUNCING TWO HANDS AS "THE FINEST NEGOCIANT OPERATION SOUTH OF THE EQUATOR".

SINCE THE WINERY OPENED, TWO HANDS SUCCESS HAS GONE FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH WITH NUMEROUS ACCOLADES DEFINING THE CULTURE OF THE ORGANISATION. TWO HANDS WINES WERE LISTED IN THE WINE SPECTATOR TOP 100 FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS WITH TWO LISTINGS IN THE TOP 10, MOST RECENTLY THE 2005 BELLA'S GARDEN BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ AT #5 AND THE ARES VOTED ONE OF THE 25 BENCHMARK WINES OF AUSTRALIA. CONSISTENT 90+ REVIEWS FROM ROBERT PARKER JNR'S WINE ADVOCATE, STEPHEN TANZER'S INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR, JAMES HALLIDAY'S WINE COMPANION, WINE SPECTATOR AND THE UK DECANTER MAGAZINE IS FURTHER TESTAMENT TO THE COMPANY'S ABILITY TO CAPTURE THE TERROIR OF EACH VINEYARD AND CAREFULLY NURTURE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF EACH PARCEL.

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DARK BLACK. THE NOSE SHOWS LIFTED NOTES OF SPICE, FOLLOWED BY AN AMALGAM OF FRESH ESPRESSO, RICH CHOCOLATE, DARK CHERRIES AND FRESHLY ROASTED ALMONDS. THE MOUTHFEEL IS LONG, DENSE AND COATING WITH LUSCIOUS LIQUORICE, MOCHA, SPICE AND BLACKBERRY FLAVOURS. WITH MORE FRUIT WEIGHT AND TANNIN THAN PREVIOUS VINTAGES, THIS IS A LOT OF FUN TO DRINK NOW BUT WILL AGE NICELY.

VINIFICATION

THE GRAPES WERE CRUSHED INTO AND FERMENTED IN OPEN TOP POTTERS, WITH REGULAR PUMP OVERS; THREE DAILY DURING PEAK FERMENTATION TO EXTRACT COLOUR AND TANNIN. FOLLOWING 6 TO 12 DAYS OF MACERATION THE DRY FREE RUN IS DRAINED TO TANK. THE SKINS ARE THEN PRESSED AND THE PRESSINGS TRANSFERRED TO THE SAME TANK, THE WINE IS THEN RACKED TO BARREL WHERE MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION TAKES PLACE. MINIMAL FINING AND NON FILTERED.

MATURATION

10 MONTHS IN NEW AND OLD AMERICAN OAK HOGSHEADS.

REVIEWS

RATING: 92 POINTS - CAMPBELL MATTINSON, WINEFRONT (2008 VINTAGE)

"HAS THIS HAD AN APOSTROPHE ADDED IN RECENT TIMES OR HAVE I JUST MISSED IT IN THE PAST? IN ANY CASE, THREE CHEERS FOR ITS EXISTENCE. NOW FOR THE WINE ...

OKAY SO WE'RE TALKING RIPE, SWEET-FRUITED SHIRAZ. WITH QUITE A HIT OF CHOCOLATEY FLAVOUR. SO IF YOU'RE NOT INTO THIS CLASSIC 'MID PALATE OF AUSTRALIA' STYLE, THEN TURN AWAY NOW. FOR THE REST OF US, THIS IS JUST ABOUT THE PERFECT EARLY DRINKING AUSSIE SHIRAZ. IT'S PURE, NOT TERRIBLY OVERDONE OR OVERLY THICK, FINELY TANNIC AND SMOOTH AS HELL. BLACKBERRIES AND COFFEE AND CHOCOLATE. EXCELLENT JUICINESS. EXCELLENT WINE. "

RATING: 90 POINTS - JOSH RAYNOLDS, INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR (2008 VINTAGE)

"DEEP RUBY. RIPE, SMOKY AROMAS OF BLACKBERRY AND CHERRY PIE, WITH COMPLICATING NOTES OF LICORICE AND DARK CHOCOLATE. BROAD AND JAMMY, OFFERING SWEET DARK BERRY FLAVORS AND A SLOW-BUILDING COCOA QUALITY. FINISHES SUPPLE AND SWEET, WITH A REPEATING LICORICE NOTE AND ZESTY MINERAL AND SPICE QUALITIES."



VINTAGE: 2008

WINERY: Two Hands ([HTTP://WWW.TWOHANDSWINES.COM](http://www.twohandswines.com))

AVAILABILITY: AVAILABLE IN VINTAGES

LCBO NUMBER: 0873307

COMPOSITION: SHIRAZ

CELLARING: 4 TO 6 YEARS

VINTAGE SCORES: *IWC190*

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