



B & W WINES

TASTING NOTES

PRIMO ESTATE "IL BRICCONE" SHIRAZ SANGIOVESE

BACKGROUND

PRIMO ESTATE TRACES ITS ORIGINS BACK TO 1973 WHEN PRIMO GRILLI PLANTED A VINEYARD 30 KILOMETRES NORTH OF ADELAIDE, NEAR THE COAST. HIS SON JOSEPH TOOK AN OENOLOGY COURSE AT ROSEWORTHY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, GRADUATING IN 1979, WHICH WAS ALSO THE FIRST VINTAGE AT THE ESTATE.

JOE GRILLI HAS BECOME KNOWN FOR HIS INNOVATIVE WINEMAKING AND PREDILECTION FOR UNUSUAL (BY AUSTRALIAN STANDARDS) GRAPE VARIETIES. THESE INCLUDE THE 'MODA' CABERNET SAUVIGNON MERLOT, MADE WITH THE TRADITIONAL ITALIAN METHOD OF PARTIAL DRYING OF THE GRAPES AFTER PICKING. THIS WAS FIRST PRODUCED IN 1987. IN RECENT YEARS THEY HAVE BEEN PLANTING ITALIAN VARIETIES, INCLUDING SANGIOVESE, BARBERA AND NEBBIOLO.

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RICH AUSSIE SHIRAZ MEETS THE CHERRY FRUIT AND SAVOURY FINISH OF ITALY'S SANGIOVESE. THIS SEVENTH RELEASE OF 'IL BRICCONE' (THE ROGUE) IS A BLEND OF 55% SHIRAZ AND 45% SANGIOVESE FROM VINEYARDS IN AND AROUND ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA. OUR AIM IS TO MAKE AN AUSTRALIAN WINE WITH A LITTLE PIECE OF WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT ITALY INSIDE. ONLY SANGIOVESE, THE VARIETY OF ITALY'S FAMOUS CHIANTI, CAN COMBINE CONCENTRATED CHERRY CHARACTER WITH A LIVELY FINISH. SHIRAZ CONTRIBUTES PLUM, PEPPER AND SPICE WITH ITS TYPICAL GENEROSITY. WE ONLY USE OLDER OAK BARRELS (FOR 14 MONTHS) TO MARRY THE VARIETAL COMPONENTS OF THE WINE. THE RESULT IS A WINE THAT WILL GO WONDERFULLY WITH MEDITERRANEAN FOODS, OR INDEED THE WHOLE WORLD OF OLIVE OIL BASED CUISINE. IT IS AT HOME NEXT TO AN ANTIPASTO PLATTER AND AN UNBEATABLE MATCH FOR A GOOD PIZZA. OUR 'ROGUE' REALLY DOES BREAK THE RULES!



WINERY: PRIMO ESTATE ([HTTP://WWW.PRIMOESTATE.COM.AU/](http://www.primoestate.com.au/))

REGION: MCLAREN VALE (AUSTRALIA)

AVAILABILITY: AVAILABLE IN CONSIGNMENT (12 BTL CASE)

COMPOSITION: 55% SHIRAZ AND 45% SANGIOVES

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