



B & W WINES

TASTING NOTES

LANGMEIL "THE BLACKSMITH" CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 2006

BACKGROUND

THE GERMAN SETTLEMENT OF LANGMEIL WAS FIRST ESTABLISHED IN 1843, IN AN AREA ADJACENT TO THE NORTH PARA RIVER ALONG WHAT IS TODAY KNOWN AS LANGMEIL ROAD (TANUNDA). THE LANGMEIL PROPERTY HAS BEEN UNDER VINES SINCE THE EARLY 1840'S, THE ORIGINAL AURICHT ESTATE COMPRISING MIXED FARMING, ORCHARDS, BUTCHER, BLACKSMITH, COBBLER AND, OF COURSE, A VINEYARD. THE PROPERTY WAS PURCHASED IN 1996 BY THREE LOCAL BUSINESSMEN WHOSE FAMILIES HAVE LIVED IN THE BAROSSA VALLEY FOR SEVERAL GENERATIONS: RICHARD LINDNER, CHRIS BITTER AND CARL LINDNER. THEY RESTORED THE OLD BUILDINGS AND THE VILLAGE WELL, REFURBISHED THE WINERY AND NAMED IT LANGMEIL, AFTER THE ORIGINAL VILLAGE.

SOME OF CHRISTIAN AURICHT'S ORIGINAL VINES STILL REMAINED, A 3 1/2 ACRE PATCH OF THE 1840S SHIRAZ - NOW THE GEM OF LANGMEIL WINERY ESTATE. WITH TENDER LOVING CARE THE VINES HAVE BEEN RESTORED AND RECEIVE CONSTANT ATTENTION. THEY CONTINUE TO BE DRY GROWN AND, WITH HAND PRUNING AND HAND PICKING, THE GRAPES PROVIDE A WINE WITH RICH AND UNIQUE QUALITIES. CHRISTIAN AURICHT'S OLD VINEYARD IS THE SOURCE OF LANGMEIL WINERY'S SINGLE VINEYARD SHIRAZ. THIS RARE WINE COMMEMORATES THE PIONEERING SPIRIT OF THE FIRST SETTLERS AND THEIR WILLINGNESS TO ENDURE SO MUCH HARDSHIP FOR THE RIGHT TO KEEP THEIR FAITH; IT HAS BEEN NAMED THE FREEDOM.

WINEMAKING

THE ARTISAN OF IRON HAS NOW MADE WAY FOR THE NEW CRAFTSMAN WHO HAS BLENDED THE OLDEST OF BAROSSA TRADITIONS TO FORGE THIS SPECTACULAR WINE. OUR CABERNET SAUVIGNON, THE UNSUNG HERO OF BAROSSA WINE, HAS BEEN MATURED IN NEW (20%) AND SEASONED (80%) FRENCH OAK FOR TWO YEARS, ACHIEVING THE STRUCTURE, DEPTH AND BALANCE EXPECTED FROM THIS PREMIUM AUSTRALIAN GRAPE GROWING REGION.

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COLOUR • VERY DEEP RED CRIMSON.

NOSE • INTENSE BLACK CURRANT AND BLUEBERRY FRUITS WITH HINTS OF BLACK OLIVE, MENTHOL AND LOVELY SWEET, BISCUITY FRENCH OAK. A VERY RICH AND COMPLEX AROMA.

PALATE • THE COMPLEXITY OF THE AROMA REALLY FLOWS ONTO THE PALATE OF THIS VERY FULL BODIED CABERNET SAUVIGNON. EXTREMELY LONG AND FRUIT DRIVEN, THE FINISH IS IN TOTAL BALANCE WITH YOUTHFULLY AUSTERE TANNIN AND BRIARY SPICE.

MATURATION

MATURED IN NEW (20%) AND SEASONED (80%) FRENCH OAK FOR TWO YEARS

REVIEWS

RATING: 90 POINTS - JAY MILLER, ROBERT PARKER'S WINE ADVOCATE (2006 VINTAGE)

"THE PURPLE-COLORED 2006 BLACKSMITH CABERNET SPENT 18 MONTHS IN FRENCH OAK HOGSHEADS, 20% NEW. THE NOSE REVEALS CEDAR, PENCIL LEAD, BLACK CURRANT, AND BLACKBERRY LEADING TO A FORWARD, MEDIUM TO FULL-BODIED CABERNET WITH EXCELLENT DEPTH, SPICY FLAVORS, AND A LENGTHY FINISH. DRINK IT FROM 2010 TO 2018."

RATING: 88 POINTS - WINE ENTHUSIAST (2006 VINTAGE)

"WONDERFULLY VARIETAL CAB SAUVIGNON FROM A REGION THAT CAN SOMETIMES LOSE SOME OF THE VARIETY'S CHARACTERISTIC HERBAL NOTES. MINT AND DRIED HERBS ON THE NOSE GIVE WAY TO CLASSIC FRUIT. IT'S NICELY ROUNDED YET STILL FIRM ENOUGH IN STRUCTURE, PICKING UP SUBTLE VANILLA SHADINGS ON THE FINISH."

RATING: 89 POINTS - ROBERT PARKER, ROBERT PARKER'S WINE ADVOCATE (2005 VINTAGE)

"THE 2005 BLACKSMITH CABERNET SPENT 18 MONTHS IN 25% NEW FRENCH OAK HOGSHEADS. OPAQUE PURPLE-COLORED, IT OFFERS NOTES OF CEDAR, PENCIL LEAD, DAMP EARTH, OLIVES, BLACK CURRANT AND BLACKBERRY. MEDIUM-BODIED AND STRUCTURED, THE WINE DELIVERS GENEROUS BLACK FRUIT FLAVORS AND SOME TANNIN IN THE FINISH. GIVE IT 4-6 YEARS TO EVOLVE AND DRINK IT THROUGH 2025."



VINTAGE: 2006

WINERY: LANGMEIL ([HTTP://WWW.LANGMEILWINERY.COM.AU/](http://www.langmeilwinery.com.au/))

AVAILABILITY: AVAILABLE BY THE BOTTLE IN VINTAGES

LCBO NUMBER: 0873307

BOTTLE PRICE: \$ 22.95

COMPOSITION: CABERNET SAUVIGNON

VINTAGE SCORES: *WE*188 AND *RP*190

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