



DOMBEYA WINES

BOULDER ROAD SHIRAZ

The 2008 Shiraz shows even more classic floral flavours like you would expect from real Rhone style wines.

All the grapes were harvested by hand. Two of the 3 vineyards (clone SH22B on 101-14) were in their fourth vintage and bearing much more fruit, a third vineyard (the only south facing, clone SH9 on 101-14) was now in its third year of production. The 3 vineyards were vinified and kept separate for the entire maturation period for us to monitor the potential of each vineyard for the future path it will go. We fermented with Anchor 372 yeast which brings out the red fruit and pepper flavour, emphasizing the lovely flavour and structure we get from our soil.

The grapes were crushed and cold soaked for 4 days before inoculation. Pump-overs 4 times a day, including a couple of punch downs. Total time on skins: 14 days. After pressing the older vineyards received 30% new oak with the balance third fill for malo-lactic. The younger vineyards did their malo-lactic in 2nd fill barrels and 10% new oak.

During maturation of 12 months the wines were racked once after malo-lactic and once thereafter. Small portion (5%) of 2008 Mourvedre were blended before bottling.

SOIL & TERROIR

The soil consists of 10% clay with the balance medium sand to coarse gravel on a North-western slope for 2 of the blocks. The row direction is 45° West of North. Block 4 is on a flatter piece with substantial rocks. Block 8, our only South facing block, is planted in coarse gravel. Water management is done by drip irrigation.

ANALYSIS

Alc.: 13.5 vol%
Total Extract: 35.5 g/l
Res sugar: 4.5 g/l
T.A.: 6.1 g/l
V.A.: 0.69 g/l
pH: 3.6

TASTING NOTE

The wine has a lively purple red colour with lifted flavor of violets, rose water, and white pepper. The palate is soft and structured and reminds of a classic Rhone style Shiraz.

REVIEWS

Gary Walsh, Winorama- October 2008

Review [link](#)

Quite spicy with bright raspberry/blackberry fruit, a wisp of smoke, pepper and barely there oak. Then a medium bodied and distinctly spicy red berried palate with a tinge of rubbery character adding complexity (rather than detracting). It's neither concentrated nor heavy, but rather lithe and lovely. It's a classy wine that drinks beautifully. The score, I think (obviously), is about right, but there could be a bit of wriggle room on either side.

Rated : 90 Points