

2008 The Stopover Barbera
Barbera 85% Sangiovese 15%
Adelaide Hills 100%

Wine Analysis

Winemaker: Greg Clack

Bottled: April 2010

Alcohol: 14.8% v/v

Oak: 85% 4 year old French Oak, 15% American Oak

Acid: 7.9 g/L

pH: 3.47

Residual Sugar: 3.5g/L

Sulphur: 130 mg/L

In the Vineyard

Fruit for the Stopover Barbera is sourced from a slightly warmer vineyard in the northern Adelaide Hills from an Easterly facing slope which catches the cooler morning sun and avoids the harsh afternoon heat. The resulting site produces wines which are vibrant in fresh fruit characters and give good structural acid.

In the Winery

Fermented in open fermenters with minimal gentle pumpovers to extract colour and flavour but also to preserve the fruit characters in the wine. A varietal enhancing yeast was used to preserve the fresh primary fruit aromas. Pressed off skins after 6 days of fermentation, transferred to French oak and a small portion of American oak to add tannin sweetness to complete primary fermentation and undergo malo-lactic fermentation. The wine was racked and returned post fermentation for maturation.

In the Glass
Colour

Light plum purple with a cherry red hue.

Bouquet

Initially you are greeted by dark cherry fruits and blackberry with good earthiness and blackforest cake. Hints of sage and fresh thyme add an extra layer of complexity to the nose.

Palate

On the palate there are very juicy red fruits and rounded plum and hints of ripe cherry. Good spiciness and a slight fragrant herb character balance out the fruit. On the back palate the fruit is integrated with good savouriness with flavours reminiscent of chestnut and cashew nut which add an extra layer of complexity. The acid balance is lively and the tannin structure is fine and velvety although strong enough to give the wine cellaring potential. The fresh sweet fruits and savoury hints linger on the palate well after the wine is swallowed. Perfectly suited to many tomato and basil dishes from pasta through to wood fired pizza.

CHAIN OF PONDS



The Stopover Story

In the early years Chain of Ponds played an important stopover role in the difficult trek across the ranges, linking Adelaide to Mannum and the colony's lifeline, the River Murray.

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