

**2011 The Stopover Barbera**  
Barbera 86%, Sangiovese 8%, Shiraz 6%  
Adelaide Hills 100%

**Wine Analysis**

**Winemaker:** Greg Clack

**Bottled:** December 2012

**Alcohol:** 12.5% v/v

**Oak:** 25% New French Oak, 75% 2, 3  
and 4 year old French Oak

**Acid:** 5.0 g/L

**pH:** 3.61

**Residual Sugar:** 3.4g/L

**Sulphur:** 113 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 acidity.

**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 into French oak to complete primary fermentation and undergo malo-lactic fermentation and gain complexity with early integration. The wine was racked and returned post fermentation for maturation and bottled early to retain freshness of fruit.

**In the Glass**

**Colour**

Deep plum purple with a cherry red hue.

**Bouquet**

On the nose there is rich cherry, spiced plum, hints of raspberry and dried sage all integrated with nuances of oak spice.

**Palate**

On the palate there is very juicy cherry and ripe plums, with a touch of leather. Good hints of dried herbs and balanced spicy oak are integrated well with the typical firm yet balanced acid structure in Barbera. Velvety tannins are firm enough to give structure while giving a slight perceived sweetness and savouriness to the wine. The fresh sweet fruits and savoury hints linger on the palate well after the wine is swallowed. Perfectly suited to many tomato and basil based dishes from pasta through to wood fired pizza.



**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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