

Atze's

CORNER

Barossa Valley



The Bachelor

Winemaking notes | The Bachelor Shiraz 2009

Shiraz 90% Petit Verdot 6% Cabernet Sauvignon 4%

Bachelor Bert Kleinig, who along with his ancestors, owned and worked land at Koonunga and Ebenezer, in the Barossa's north for 83 years.

Andrew's parents, John and Barb purchased this land in 1977 knowing its potential to produce premium wine grapes and the vineyards they developed in the following years make up the main base of 'The Bachelor' blend.

After an early burst of hot weather the conditions became absolutely stunning for Shiraz at our vineyards at Koonunga and Ebenezer. Warm-Hot days and cool nights gave amazing conditions for a well structured and smooth wine. The Bachelor 2009 has a touch of Cabernet and Petit Verdot in the blend, giving it added smoothness and richness, a truly approachable wine now, and that will also reward careful cellaring.

Vineyard

The Bachelor' is produced by carefully selecting small sections of wine grapes from the family owned vineyards of Atze's corner wines. As every variety of wine grapes is affected by the climate differently every vintage, only the parcels of fruit of appropriate quality are selected in the blend.

Ebenezer/Koonunga - The Shiraz is the most northerly family owned vineyard in the Barossa Valley, Elevation 280 metres, an annual rainfall of 500mm, red/brown earth over deep red clays, warm to hot summer days, cool/cold nights.

Winemaking and Blending

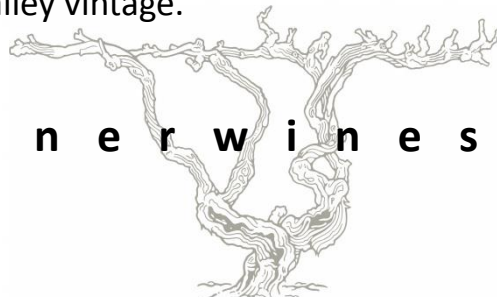
Small batch Open Ferments - Hand Pump Overs –Basket pressed – Hand plunged

Maturation – 18 months in 10% New French Oak, 40% seasoned French Oak and 40% seasoned American Oak Hogshead Barrels. Blending – Carefully blended using only varieties which express the symmetry of the season, region and the wine.

Cases Produced - 280

Tasting Notes

This wine has aromatics of dark cherry, sweet leather and toast from the main player Shiraz, nicely complimented by small amounts of Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot, which add lovely undertones of mint and red currant to the wines. Attractive structure, fine tannin and rich full flavour are the trademarks of this Shiraz, from a classically composed Barossa Valley vintage.



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