

Shoofly



2008 SHOOFLY THE FRECKLE

WINEMAKER: Ben Riggs
REGION: McLaren Vale, Langhorne Creek, Adelaide Hills
VARIETALS: Marsanne (40%), Roussanne (37%), Viognier (23%)
MATURATION: Stainless steel and 3 months in older French oak
ALCOHOL: 14.5% alc/vol

WINEMAKING:

Ben Riggs, Shoofly's winemaker, is a South Australian native who knows his stuff and where to get it. His roster of grape growers is one of the most sought after contact lists in the country. McLaren Vale's temperate maritime climate offers reds of rich, ripe fruit character and great acid balance. Langhorne Creek, a "cool desert" situated on the Fleurieu Peninsula, produces soft, fruit-driven wines while the Adelaide Hills enjoys a cool, high elevation, perfect for producing crisp, aromatic early ripening varieties.

TASTING NOTES:

We had a yearning for the classic (well in the Rhone anyway) combination of Marsanne, Roussanne and Viognier. Knowing one of our Langhorne McLaren Vale growers had a small patch of mature Marsanne and the famously 'freckly' Roussanne in his midst, we went straight to the source and snared all he had. The result is a wine that takes you on a stroll through a summer orchard with aromas of peaches, white nectarines and spices leaping from the glass. Add to this a fleshy, succulent, honeysucked-kissed palate that fills every nook and cranny and you're off to the races! A touch of oak coupled with bright acidity is the perfect foil to the preceding orgy of flavors. A wine to jump into right away.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 2008 vintage - Not yet reviewed.

ABOUT SHOOFLY WINES:

Australians are serious about keeping their cool. They may look relaxed as they casually shoo away the incessantly buzzing flies, but the message is clear - nothing's going to get them down! They tend to take life's challenges in stride and simply get on with the job at hand. Like making wines with some oomph and stuffing, the sort you'd just as likely tuck into with your midweek pasta and take to a fancy dinner party on the weekend. That said, they take their winemaking pretty seriously, and it shows with Shoofly's collection of robust, full-of-flavor wines. Crafted from hand-selected vineyard sites that are rich in character and demonstrate true varietal pedigree, these are wines that show Australia at its best.



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