

Shoofly



2008 SHOOFLY SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER:	Ben Riggs
REGION:	McLaren Vale, Langhorne Creek, Clare Valley
VARIETALS:	Shiraz
MATURATION:	10 months in new and seasoned American and 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 dessert" situated on the Fleurieu Peninsula, produces soft, fruit-driven wines while Clare Valley enjoys a cool and continental climate, perfect for producing spicy fruit characters.

TASTING NOTES:

Healthy rains in winter and spring set up the vines perfectly and allowed for stress free conditions from veraison to harvesting. On the nose the 2008 shiraz shows earthy gravel, spicy licorice and dense dark mulberries, while the sweet upfront berry fruit presented on tasting gives way to complex cedar, earth and spice notes, wrapping up with ample structure and grip. The vibrant, juicy fruit runs the length of the palate and lingers with a "have another glass" finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 2008 vintage - not yet reviewed.

2007 vintage - 91 pts Wine Spectator, 89 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

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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