

SEPPELT

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Show Sparkling Shiraz

2004

Since 1851, Seppelt has built a reputation of innovation and unswerving dedication to quality. The Seppelt philosophy involves harnessing the strengths of each viticultural region to create varietally and regionally expressive wines of great character.

Seppelt has had more experience with this unique Australian wine style than any other winemaker. Although there are no precise records, it appears the winery was experimenting with sparkling red wines as far back as the 1890s, created by pioneer winemaker Hans Irvine.

To make the Show Sparkling Shiraz, Seppelt's estate grown fruit is harvested from our best blocks from the three vineyards of St Peter's, Imperial and McKenzie which are close to the Seppelt winery. large format French oak barrels for around 12-16 months. Then the wine undergoes a second fermentation and ageing in the bottle for seven plus years before disgorging.

What we've achieved is an exceptional sparkling shiraz that reflects the region - peppery, with spice, soft and fruity. This incredible character is unique to Great Western fruit, without heavy tannins which ensure it to age elegantly.

Winemaker Comments

Adam Carnaby

Vineyard Region

Great Western

Vintage Conditions

Favourable Spring conditions lead to good fruit set with a balanced canopy and crop level. A warm January, followed by a cool February, then near perfect conditions in March and April, lead to a longer ripening period. Harvest was slightly later than usual with moderate yields of excellent fruit.

Technical Analysis

Harvest Date Late March 2004

pH 3.46

Acidity 6.4g/L

Alcohol 13.5%

Residual Sugar 25g/L

Peak Drinking Can be enjoyed now or cellared for another 30-50 years.

Grape Variety

100% Shiraz

Maturation

1 year in oak and tank followed by secondary fermentation in bottle and 8 years on lees.

Colour

Dark maroon with purple hues.

Nose

The nose shows rich and bright blackberry jam with lifted dark cherry and some complex cigar box and tobacco leaf.

Palate

Floral and full-bodied style with fantastic longevity. A lively mousse yields to concentrated blackberry and chocolate flavours combined with sweet spices, and fine, mature tannins. This wine has reached the right complexity, balance with a freshness and fruit vibrancy.