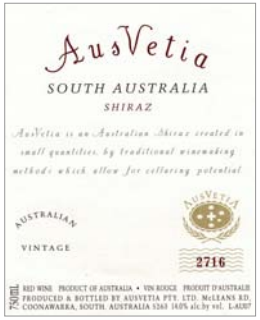
1999 AUSVETIA SHIRAZ

Region
McLaren Vale (53%)
Coonawarra (27%)
Barossa Valley (20%)



Varieties
Shiraz (92%), Cabernet Sauvignon (8%)

Maturation
Shiraz matured in American oak
Cabernet matured in French oak

Technical Analysis
14.0% alc/vol; 7.0 g/l total acidity; 3.25 pH

Tasting Notes

The depth of color is dark and thick, tending toward black.

The aromas show blackberry fruit, pepper and spice. The palate is soft, ripe fruit flavors and is an elegant style with lingering flavors of cedar and tobacco drawn in part from the oak. Whilst an elegant style, dominate oak but soft, in balance with the spicy fruit. Key element for 1999 is the complexity of ripe fruits and strong black peppers without overt jammy fruit.

The powerful nature of this wine with its strong tannin and acid flavor components will lend itself to further bottle age.

Background

Kym Tolley produces some of Coonawarra's finest wines from his 200-acre Penley Estate vineyard in the center of this famed region.

A challenge to produce a trademark house style that is not restricted to a particular region but is instead an amalgam of the ripest, richest fruit possible in a given year led Tolley to develop a separate brand, AusVetia. This wine has no pretence to demonstrate a sense of terroir and is certainly not a Coonawarra or Penley Estate wine. In fact most of the fruit for this wine comes from McLaren Vale, although it's ripe, massively concentrated style is more a reflection of winemaking than region.

Additional Notes:

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