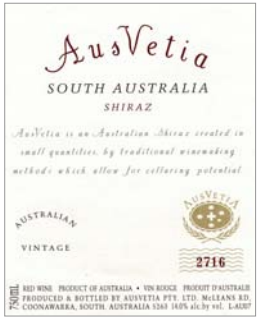
2000 AUSVETIA SHIRAZ

Region
McLaren Vale (60%)
Coonawarra (30%)
Barossa Valley (10%)



Varieties
Shiraz (89%), Cabernet Sauvignon (11%)

Maturation
Shiraz matured in American oak
Cabernet matured in French oak

Technical Analysis
14.0% alc/vol; 6.0 g/l total acidity; 3.32 pH

Background

Kym Tolley produces some of Coonawarra's finest wines from his self-developed, 200-acre Penley Estate vineyard in the center of this famed region. Most winemakers would be thrilled to have achieved this much in their lifetime. Although a challenge to produce a trademark 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.

Tasting Notes

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

The aromas show intense blackberry fruit, pepper and spice. The palate is a big ripe sweet style with rich intensity with lingering flavors of cedar and tobacco drawn in part from the oak. Whilst a powerful style, shows a degree of softness and balance. Key element is the overwhelming fruity nature and the soft but strong oak tannin.

An exceptional year. Well below average yields, but wines big structured and deeply colored and flavored.

Additional Notes:

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