



2003 Mak Shiraz

Region

Clare Valley, South Australia

Varieties

100 % Shiraz

Technical Analysis

14.5% alc

Tasting Notes

The color of this wine offers the first clues – deep, dazzling purple/red hues that seem to burn with intensity. It suggests there's something substantial ahead.

This shiraz is no shrinking violet in the aroma department either – plenty of lively plum, blackberry, spice and a hint of pepper to invigorate the senses. The oak component, although playing a supporting role, contributes nuances of vanilla and clove – a very tasty backdrop indeed.

Which all leads to the palate – and this is where there's no holding back. A bold mouthful of dark berry fruits, bittersweet chocolate and spicy mint. In typical Clare fashion there's a solid, ripe core of fruit encased in fine tannins and crisp, natural acidity. Nothing blown out or over the top – well structured, able to be cellared for five years and drinking fabulously right now!

Background

Like the recounting of local Australian bushlore Mak wines embody the 'core of regional Australia', promoting and championing the unique characters of Australia's wine districts. Mak is not constrained to any one area but instead seeks to produce wines that are 'best of type', utilizing varieties that are recognized as the most suited to a particular area.

About the label

Celebrating Australia's regional folklore and inspired by the artist Sir Sidney Nolan, the label depicts one of the country's most notorious outlaws, Ned Kelly. Living much of his short life on the run, his eventual capture in 1880 only furthered the legend...

During an all night police siege of his small town hide-out, Kelly fashioned himself a hand-made suit of metal armor, comprising a heavy cylindrical helmet resembling an inverted bucket with eyeholes plus a large breastplate. As day broke, and wearing his new protection, Kelly confidently stepped outside amidst a hail of bullets, only to be shot in the leg! He was subsequently arrested, tried and hanged. His last words; "Such is Life."

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