



2008 ZONTE'S FOOTSTEP SHIRAZ VIOGNIER

WINEMAKER: Ben Riggs
REGION: Langhorne Creek, South Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz (95%), Viognier (5%)
MATURATION: 10 months in French and American oak barriques
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc/vol | 3.45 g/L TA | 6.08 pH

VINTAGE:

2008 was an early, compressed vintage period for Langhorne Creek. The first half of the vintage was tremendous with excellent, mild and dry, climatic conditions throughout February resulting in wonderful characters in Shiraz. The second half of vintage would be best described as varying between terrific and disastrous as the record breaking March heat wave gripped the state. For those lucky enough to harvest Shiraz before the heatwave, quality was excellent.

TASTING NOTES:

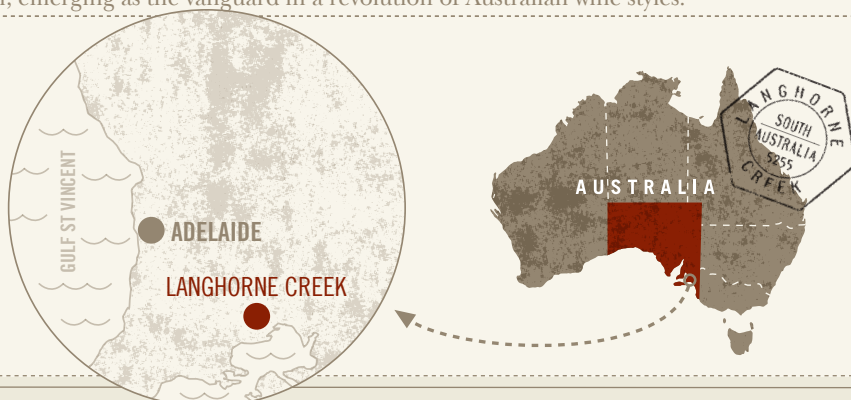
Fittingly, Australia's beloved Shiraz is blended with a hatful of the aromatic white variety, Viognier, to add complexity to this wine. Rich and dark fruit aromas of blackberry and blueberry are complexed by spicy licorice notes. The palate is full and velvety, with dense, dark fruits rounded out by silky smooth tannins. Drink now or hide in the cellar for 3 years.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

2007 vintage- **90 pts** - Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, **89 pts** - Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, **88 pts** - Wine Spectator

ABOUT ZONTE'S FOOTSTEP:

Zonte's Footstep is named after Langhorne Creek's original 19th century plantings. More than one hundred years after the first plantings of the Zante currant variety were planted in the area, Ben Riggs and Zar Brooks teamed up with a group of mates to re-establish the property. All local grape growers and winemakers, these friends pooled old white pick-ups, new tractors and expertise, eventually establishing more than fifty separate blocks of red and white vinifera grapes to expand upon the original Zante plantings. And the footprint? This is the very same land that the world's largest marsupial, the Diprotodon (or giant wombat) roamed for more than 20 million years until becoming extinct twenty thousand years ago. Eons on, the Zonte's wines are firmly stamping out a footprint of their own, emerging as the vanguard in a revolution of Australian wine styles.



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