Ron Thorn Barossa Single Vineyard Shiraz

Thorn Clarke

Australia - South Australia - Barossa Valley

"My father, Ron, was born in 1923 at the Angaston Hospital not far from where the Thorn-Clarke Winery is currently located. He was the fourth born of the nine children my grandparents raised at Clifton Park in the Eden Valley Ranges. Dad's great-grandparents took up farming land in the Barossa in the 1840's and purchased Clifton Park, where Dad grew up, in the 1870's. To this day, Clifton Park remains in the Thorn family and the 1870's vineyard still produces quality fruit.

As the family grew, Dad showed tenacity and judgment by pulling out orchards and extending the family vineyards. During the 1950's, 60's, and 70's, times were testing for a family business based on dry land horticulture and mixed farming. Dad's strong work ethic proved an invaluable asset during the tough years on the farm and he traveled widely as a shearer, drove bulldozers and worked at the local cement works to support his family.

Slowly the tide turned, Australians began drinking more wine and Dad with his uncanny ability to select and plant Clifton Park with the grape varieties of the future, saw fortunes change for Clifton Park and the Thorn family. I loved my Dad's wry sense of humor and his work ethic was an inspiration to us all.

Ron Thorn Shiraz is made from the best fruit that we grow and is produced only in exceptional years. This wine is given the benefit of 20 months barrel maturation and 12 months in bottle prior to release. This is our tribute to Dad's life and his contribution to the Thorn-Clarke story." - Cheryl Thorn Clarke

Deep red with a slight purple hue on release. The wine has a rich mix of dark chocolate infused with coffee bean and black liquorice, then scents of tar, aniseed, raw (pure) soy and black olive on the nose. The palate is expansive, and yet balanced and finessed. An amalgam of dark berried flavors and textural sensations. The 100% new oak is completely absorbed, meshed with ripe tannins, completing a palate of impressive length and youthfulness.

Specifications

Appellation	Barossa Valley
Varietals	100% Shiraz
Vinification	After destemming, a Shiraz-specific yeast was selected to ferment the wine at a maximum of 28 degrees C. The fermenter was manually pumped over twice daily. Pump over regimes were adjusted toward the end of fermentation to suit the tannin and flavour extraction of the wine. The cap was completely broken up on each pump over. The wine remained in fermenters for 6-8 days before being pressed, inoculated with malolactic bacteria and filled to American oak (100% new). The wine was racked ML and returned to the same barrels. The wine was topped every month, and after 6months,

Pairings	Pairs well with rich meat dishes.

Codes, Weights and Measures

UPC	8 56262 00329 3
Units/Case	3
Unit Size	750 mL
Container	bottle
SCC	1 08 56262 00329 0
Case Weight	15
Cases/Pallet	99
Layers/Pallet	11
ABV	14.90%
SRP	$ 92.99 USD 750mL Bottle

Reviews and News

2019 Ron Thorn Shiraz Single Vineyard Barossa - 96 PTS - JD
2019 Ron Thorn Shiraz Single Vineyard Barossa - 94 PTS - WS
2018 Ron Thorn Shiraz Single Vineyard Barossa - 94+ PTS - WA
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2016 Ron Thorn Shiraz Single Vineyard Barossa - 91 PTS & Cellar Selection - WE
2015 Ron Thorn Shiraz Single Vineyard Barossa - 95 PTS - WA
2014 Ron Thorn Shiraz Single Vineyard Barossa - 93 PTS - WE