



# Water Wheel Shiraz+ 2013

**Winemaker:** Bill Trevaskis

**Appellation:** Bendigo

**Varietal:** Shiraz

**Yields per Acre:** 2-3 t/acre, 1 ton per acre for 2008 vintage

**Cases Produced:** 5,000

**Filtration and fining:** The wine is Earth filtered and then Sterile filtered to bottle.

**Wood treatment:** Two and three year old American oak hogsheads for 6-9 Months.

**Length of barrel maturation:** 6-9 months

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**Alcohol %:** 14.5%

**Total Acid:** 6.4 g/l

**Free/Total Sulfur:** 53/93 mg/l

**pH:** 3.37

**Residual Sugar:** 1.6 g/l



**UPC#:** 752183281157

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**Viticultural Practices:** A delicious forward Shiraz wine from Bendigo, where cold nights and hot days help produce high quality fruit. Small bunches and berries ensure maximum flavors with balancing acidity and lively tannin structures. During fermentation the cap was plunged and pumped over three times daily. After pressing in a Membrane press and completion of Malolactic Fermentation, a percentage of the wine under-went Micro Oxygenation with the balance of the wine spending time in American Oak Hogsheads. The wine is Earth filtered and then Sterile filtered to bottle. All fruit was estate grown. Soil is deep ripped before planting. Vines are hedged trellised, exposing the grapes to the sun to achieve maximum ripeness. All vines are irrigated from the nearby Loddon river with ground level mini sprays. Red wine grapes are planted on heavy clay soil with pieces of limestone present in the soil.

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**Winemakers notes:** A deep, vivid, violet colour. On the nose there are berry, blackcurrant and liquorice aromas. The palate is full and rich with spice, berry and some black pepper flavours obvious. The wine is well balanced, with a persistent finish that is complimented by some fine tannin. It is ready for immediate consumption and would be an ideal match for rich pasta dishes, BBQs and game.

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**Score(s): 90 pts The Wine Advocate** - Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2013 Shiraz delivers intense notes of warm blackberries, blackcurrants and licorice with and undercurrent of incense. Full-bodied and packed with spicy black fruit preserves flavors, it has a velvety frame and nice line of freshness taking it to a long finish.

**90 pts Tanzer/Vinous** - Opaque ruby. Aromas of ripe black and blue fruits, licorice and dark chocolate are energized by a peppery nuance and a hint of allspice. Dense, round and seamless in the mouth, showing very good depth to its blackberry and cherry-cola flavors. Conveys an appealing sweetness on the long, broad finish, which features round tannins and a touch of smokiness.

**90 pts James Suckling** - Here is a spicy and fun shriaz-based red with dried fruit and black pepper character. Medium to light body. Lively finish. One of the best value reds coming out of Oz.