



Carlei Estate & Carlei Green Vineyards

Carlei Green Vineyards Shiraz 2003

Variety: Shiraz
Vintage: 2003
Harvest date: 14th to 21st April, 2003
Vineyard location: Heathcote, various
Oenological Data: Harvest Baumé – 13.7 to 15.0
Total acidity – 8.24 g/l
pH – 3.43
Alcohol – 14.2% alc/vol

Production 2000 dozen

Winemakers' Notes: The Shiraz fruit (two different clones) is from low yielding vines and was harvested over a period of a week to ensure optimum balance, ripeness and intensity of flavour. They were destemmed; berries not crushed or pumped to preserve their physical integrity and transferred to a majority of open 3800 L wooden and some stainless steel 3000 L vats. A combination of different maceration times (mainly pumping over) from 12 to 24 days on skins and a majority of the batches were naturally fermented. The wine was aged in new and used French and Hungarian oak for 22 months.

Tasting Note: Very deep red with a purple hue, the aroma has intense ripe red and black fruits avoiding any over-ripe elements. Hints of spice and savoury notes lead to a palate that complements the aromas, rich and round with intense, juicy and chewy fruit, framed by soft but persistent tannins and a touch of oak. A lingering, balanced mineral acidity finishes a complex wine representing the classical Cambrian terroir in a warmer year. Although the wine is rich, it shows a focused structure and will therefore continue to develop with further bottle aging.

Cellaring: 4 to 8 years



Awards & reviews

Blue Gold – Top 100 – Judged with food
2006 Sydney International Wine Competition

Bronze Medal Class 26 – 2005 Victorian Wines Show

"This is a blend of three parcels of carefully selected fruit, sourced from Heathcote, there's some earthiness on the nose, quite a spicy overlay, particularly white pepper and again those juicy plums are at the fore. Tannins are firm but there's that distinctive roundness on the palate making this an enjoyable drink now."

Good Drinking – The Age July 30th, 2005 – Jane Faulkner

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