

2011 KISS SHIRAZ



Specialising in semillon and shiraz, Thomas Wines source fruit from some of the Hunter Valley's most distinguished vineyard sites, producing world class, uniquely regional wine styles.



Winemakers Comments

Kiss Shiraz is a cheeky name for a serious wine. It is an individual vineyard Hunter Valley Shiraz, grown on the tough clay/loam soils of the Pokolbin Estate vineyard (planted 1969). These naturally low cropping vines consistently produce fruit with exceptional depth and concentration. This is the benchmark Shiraz for Thomas Wines, expressing very the best qualities of each vintage. The first vintage of Kiss Shiraz was in 2001, and since that time, each vintage has received countless wine show awards and accolades.

The 2011 vintage was a challenging season throughout most of Australia, however the Hunter was one of the few regions that (miraculously) escaped the significant summer rains. The grapes were hand picked during the second week of February, cold soaked for 48 hours and then fermented on skins for about seven days. The wine was then matured for 16 months exclusively in French oak barriques. After bottling, the wine rested in the cellar for ten months prior to being released 4th May, 2013.

Tasting Notes

A benchmark Hunter Shiraz from what is now regarded as a potential classic Hunter vintage. The wine greets you with a bright crimson purple. The nose displays a wonderful vibrancy and purity with aromas of red berried fruits and a subtly peppery spice. The palate displays concentrated dark berry fruits and earth with nicely integrated oak, all framed within a typically Hunter medium bodied structure. As would be expected with this flagship wine, it can be enjoyed now, or confidently cellared for 10 - 20 years.

Bottled	19th July, 2012
Production	1181 Six packs
Alcohol	13.5%
pH	3.44
Acidity	6.8g/L



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