



BASILISK

2005 BASILISK SHIRAZ MOURVEDRE

“A mythical creature, the Basilisk is an intriguing blend of rooster and serpent. In alchemy, the name Basilisk also referred to the Philosopher’s Stone, a potent and mysterious catalyst, an elixir that was able to turn whatever it touched to gold, cure all ills and confer eternal life.”



VINTAGE INFORMATION

Region	Central Victoria
Varietal	93% Shiraz, 7% Mourvedre
Alcohol	14.5%
Best Consumed	2007 - 2013

WINEMAKING / VITICULTURE

Fruit for the Basilisk Shiraz Mourvedre was selected from vineyard sites around Central Victoria during April 2005. The must was fermented in rotary fermenters before being racked off yeast lees. Separate parcels of wine then spent between six and 12 months in French oak, after which a final blending of the various parcels took place. Cold stabilisation and filtration followed so as to minimise residue or sediment settling in the bottle over time. The ensuing wine is ripe and complex – in part due to the different Shiraz parcels, but also as a result of the Mourvedre, which imparts a fruit driven, yet earthy character to the wine, that marries well with pepper spice and ripe fruit notes of the Shiraz.

HARVEST NOTES

The conditions in 2005 were very dry, although there were some mild patches of weather throughout. Coupled with the ongoing drought, flavour intensity in the grapes developed slowly and steadily, resulting in slightly reduced yields, but high quality fruit. Harvest was rain free and therefore uninterrupted. The fruit for this wine was harvested from Central Victoria.

WINE DESCRIPTION

This wine shows classical peppery Shiraz characters, along with ripe plums and rhubarb plus perfume and anise notes, courtesy of the Mourvedre. The tannins are fine grained and slightly velvety and the French oak imparts some spicy notes to the overall wine.

FOOD RECOMMENDATIONS

The Basilisk Shiraz Mourvedre partners magically well with most red meats, casseroles and pasta dishes.

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