



Water Wheel Memsie Homestead Red 2008

Wine Maker: Bill Trevaskis

Appellation: Bendigo

Varietal: Shiraz 87%, Malbec 7%, Cabernet Sauvignon 6%.

Yields per Acre: Normally 2 – 3 tonnes per acre, 1 tonne per acre for 2007 vintage.

Cases Produced: 16,000

Filtration and fining: Sterile filter, Albumen and Bentonite fining

Wood treatment: Two and three year old American oak hogshead

Length of barrel maturation: 6-9 Months

Alcohol %: 14.0

Total Acid: 6.4

Free/Total Sulfur: 53/93

pH: 3.37

Residual Sugar: 1.6



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Viticultural Practices: 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. Following Albumen and Bentonite finings the wine is Earth filtered and then Sterile filtered to bottle.

Wine Makers Notes: 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.

Food Accompaniments: It is ready for immediate consumption and would be an ideal match for rich pasta dishes, BBQs and game.

Scores: 89 pts Wine Spectator Magazine (HS) - Polished, lively and nicely focused to show off its pretty cherry and sassafras flavours, picking up a welcome floral note as the finish lingers.

88 pts Robert Parker Jr.'s The Wine Avocate (JM) - Deep crimson-colored, it exhibits aromas of smoked game, bacon, and blueberry. Medium-bodied, savory, with good depth and concentration, this medium-long wine will provide pleasure over the next 4 years.

87 pts Stephen Tanzers International Wine Cellar (JR) - Deep ruby color. Brooding aromas of cherry and dark berries, with notes of licorice and bitter chocolate. Supple tannins add support to the chewy dark fruit flavors and a note of cracked pepper adds bite. Very young, a tad tough and slow to unravel; this needs air or a few more months of bottle aging.

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