

2006 Companions Shiraz Viognier Clare Valley & Adelaide Hills



ANALYSIS

pH 3.45 TA 6.20g/l
Alc. 14.5% GF 0.97g/l

PACKAGING SPECIFICATIONS

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| Bottle Dimensions | 310 mm H x 76.2 mm W | |
| Bottle Weight | 1.3 kg | |
| Bottle Bar Code | 9327108000222 | |
| USA | 898006002049 | |
| Case Dimensions | 313 L x 236 W x 317 H | |
| Case Weight | 16.4 kg | |
| Case Bar Code | 9327108000239 | |
| | Dom. | Exp. |
| Cases per Pallet | 64 | 56 |
| Cases per Layer | 16 | 14 |
| Lavers per Pallet | 4 | 4 |

REGION

Clare Valley & Adelaide Hills, South Australia

VINEYARDS

Shiraz from the Tullymore vineyard in Clare was blended with a small parcel of Viognier from the Edwards family's Serendipity vineyard in the Adelaide Hills.

GROWING CONDITIONS

The 2006 growing season in the Clare Valley was widely considered to be excellent, with good spring rains and a warm dry summer combining to provide even and consistent vine growth and fruit ripening. A hot spell in January gave way to mild weather during harvest. Similar conditions were reported in the Adelaide Hills.

WINEMAKING

The Shiraz was fermented in open fermenters and pressed off to stainless steel vats. It underwent malolactic fermentation in vat and was left on its gross lees for approximately 12 months with the addition of premium American oak staves. The lees were stirred only occasionally with the wine then racked and blended with 10% Viognier prior to bottling.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

A gorgeous deep purple in colour. An intensely aromatic nose of mulberry, white pepper and nutmeg with the Viognier adding a subtle ginger spice lift. The palate is well balanced and generous bursting with sweet berry fruit and chocolate notes. Smooth tannins frame this powerful wine that lingers long on the palate. Although drinking well now, this is a wine which will benefit from medium term cellaring.

RELEASED

June 2007

AWARDS

Best in Class International Wine & Spirits Competition 2007
Bronze 2008 Korea Wine Challenge
Bronze Syrah du Monde 2008
Bronze Brisbane Wine Show 2008
Bronze Perth Wine Show 2008
Bronze Rutherglen Wine Show 2008

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

Peter Forrestal, Sunday Times 07.09.08

Kirrihill Companions, (one of) the best ranges of budget-priced wines currently available in Australia

Plenty of coconutty vanilla-bean oak but that is well integrated. There's ripe, sweet, dark-berry fruit, silky smooth texture. Drinking well

David Sutherland, Border Mail 23.05.08

★★★½ Very well made, there are lots of blackberry and white pepper aromas and flavours. In a word: value

Ray Jordan, West Australian, Fresh 30.08.07

The Companions Shiraz Viognier 2006 is remarkable for the powerful ginger character of the Viognier. There's plenty in this distinctive style with lots of fleshy ripe red fruit filling the palate

RATINGS

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion 2009 Edition

87/100 Fresh red fruits dominate, with just a dusting of tannins to add structure

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