



2005 '1847'

HOME BLOCK PETIT VERDOT



"The House of 1847"
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THE VINEYARD

Situated in Australia's best known and most prestigious wine growing region, the Barossa Valley in South Australia about 60km north of Adelaide. The Eighteenfortyseven Vineyards are located in Rowland Flat, a small township between Lyndoch and Tanunda, named after the Surveyor Henry Rowland who charted much of the Barossa in the mid 1800's. Within 10 years of the first immigrant settlers venturing into the Barossa the land grant was given for the '1847' property.

The wines of '1847' are produced from grapes grown in vineyards located in and adjacent to the Rowland Flat Township. The soils of the area are of mainly Terra Rossa which comprises red brown sandy loams mostly overlaying a limestone base. The Township is approx 190 m above sea level, about 40km inland from the coast with an average rainfall of about 500 – 550 mm. The Petit Verdot grapes are grown on our Rowland Flat vineyards with various shaded and full sun locations to allow for a balance in style and maturity. This reflects in this emerging Barossa Classic.

WINEMAKING

The Home Block Petit Verdot was picked on 15th April after an ideal long even ripening period. The warm to hot days were contrasted with cooler nights which allowed for a developed balance of fruit flavors and good beaume (brix) and acid levels. The grapes were open fermented prior to pressing, racking and ageing in both French and Hungarian oak Hogsheads. The wine was aged in those Hogsheads (300 Litre casks) for 12 months prior to bottling in May 2006. The wine was racked during its aging and has not been filtered.

TASTING NOTES

A wine of tremendous color and flavor with a delightful pronounced floral bouquet. This fruit on both the bouquet and the palate makes for a big rounded wine with a good length of palate and a clean lingering finish. A wine which although drinking well now will undoubtedly be suited for some further ageing. Good fruit flavors, nice balanced oak and a wine to be remembered and talked about.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Region :	Barossa Valley, South Australia.
Variety :	Petit Verdot
Sugar at picking:	13.9 Beaume
Closure :	Cork or Stelvin
Alcohol :	14.4%
Bottle Barcode :	9 333410 000034