

TASTING NOTES



B & W Wines

CLARENDON HILLS ASTRALIS SYRAH, 2005

BACKGROUND

ROMAN BRATASIUK, WITH A BACKGROUND IN BIO-CHEMISTRY PRODUCED HIS FIRST VINTAGE IN 1990 - HE IS NOW CONSIDERED BY EXPERTS AS ONE OF THE WORLD'S TOP WINEMAKERS. THE WINERY IS LOCATED JUST 40 KILOMETRES OUTSIDE ADELAIDE, WHERE VINES HAVE BEEN PLANTED SINCE 1845 - ROMAN PRODUCES 19 SINGLE VINEYARD WINES AND THEY ARE ALL 100% VARIETAL. THE GRAPES ARE ALL HAND-PICKED AND PRUNED – WINES ARE MATURED IN BURGUNDIAN BARRIQUES AND BOTTLED WITHOUT FINING OR FILTRATION TO CAPTURE THE INDIVIDUAL CHARACTER OF EACH VINEYARD. ROMAN SET OUT TO MAKE WORLD CLASS WINES...HE HAS ACCOMPLISHED THAT GOAL.

REVIEWS

99 POINTS. JAY MILLER (ROBERT PARKER'S WINE ADVOCATE):

"AT THE TOP OF THE PYRAMID IS THE 2005 SYRAH ASTRALIS VINEYARD. IT IS SOURCED FROM A VINEYARD PLANTED IN 1920 AND IS ONE OF THE SYRAH CUVEES IN WHICH 100% NEW OAK IS UTILIZED (ALONG WITH BROOKMAN, HICKINBOTHAM, AND PIGGOTT RANGE). IT DELIVERS AN ETHEREAL BOUQUET OF SMOKY OAK, VIOLETS, ESPRESSO, BLACK PEPPER, BLUEBERRY, AND BLACKBERRY LIQUEUR. DENSELY PACKED AND TIGHTLY WOUND, ALL IT NEEDS IS TIME. THE WINE IS TOTALLY HARMONIOUS, IMPECCABLY BALANCED, AND EXCEPTIONALLY LONG. WHEN IT FULLY UNWINDS, EVEN MY HIGH RATING WILL APPEAR CONSERVATIVE. ITS ONLY COMPETITION COMES FROM THE LIKES OF GUIGAL, CHAPOUTIER, CHAVE, KRANKL, AND RINGLAND."



VINTAGE: 2005

WINERY: CLARENDON HILLS ([HTTP://WWW.CLARENDONHILLS.COM.AU/](http://www.clarendonhills.com.au/))

REGION: MCLAREN VALE

AVAILABILITY: CLASSICS

LCBO NUMBER: 70144

BOTTLE SIZE: 1500 ML

COMPOSITION: SHIRAZ / SYRAH (100%)