

TASTING NOTES



B & W Wines

CLARENDON HILLS ASTRALIS SYRAH, 2012

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.

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COLOUR: BLACK-PURPLE CRIMSON

NOSE: SO SUPER FINE AND ONLY OFFERING A VERY WISP OF WHAT WILL DEVELOP OVER THE YEARS. THE STRIKING MINERAL/CRUSHED ROCK COMPLEXITY OFFERS UNIQUE BALANCE TO THE OTHERWISE DEEPLY BROODING ROAST MEAT PERFUME WITH NOTES OF FOREST FLOOR AND ASIAN SPICES. FLICKERS OF BOYSENBERRY ARE ALSO SEEN DEEP WITHIN. HEDONISTIC.

PALATE: AMAZINGLY LONG AND SPECKLED WITH CONTRASTING ELEMENTS. THE SOFT PALATE GIVES WAY TO LONG AND FINELY BONED VELVET, CHALKY TANNINS. THE INTENSITY REMAINS AND LINGERS IN WHAT BECOMES AN INTELLECTUAL PURSUIT OF WHICH WAY WILL IT GO. YOUTHFUL INTENSITY IS BALANCED BY A SMALL APERTURE OF EXPOSURE AND AN EXTREMELY ELEGANT DELIVERY OF CONCENTRATION GIVES RISE TO IMPRESSIONS CLASSIC UNDERSTATEMENT AND RESTRAINT.

REVIEWS

98+ POINTS, LISA PERROTTI-BROWN (ROBERT PARKER'S WINE ADVOCATE):

"MEDIUM TO DEEP GARNET/PURPLE, THE 2012 ASTRALIS (SHIRAZ) STARTS OFF WITH COMPLEX, MEATY AND EARTHY AROMAS WAFTING AROUND A CORE OF BLACKBERRY PRESERVES, PRESERVED PLUMS, AND MULBERRIES WITH HINTS OF LICORICE, CHINESE FIVE SPICE AND POTPOURRI. FULL-BODIED, RICH AND CONCENTRATED, THE MULTI-LAYERED FLAVORS HAVE VERY SPICY ACCENTS AND ARE FRAMED BY RIPE, GRAINY TANNINS. IT HAS A VERY LONG AND ELEGANT FINISH WITH HINTS OF EXOTIC SPICES."



VINTAGE: 2012

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

REGION: MCLAREN VALE

AVAILABILITY: CLASSICS

LCBO NUMBER: 15842

BOTTLE SIZE: 750 ML

COMPOSITION: SHIRAZ / SYRAH (100%)