

TASTING NOTES



B & W Wines

TWO HANDS SAMANTHA'S GARDEN SHIRAZ, 2014

BACKGROUND

THE 'TWO HANDS' ARE MICHAEL TWELFTREE AND RICHARD MINTZ WHO FORMED TWO HANDS WINES IN 1999 WITH THE CLEAR OBJECTIVE OF MAKING THE BEST POSSIBLE SHIRAZ BASED WINES FROM PRIZED SHIRAZ PRODUCING REGIONS WITHIN AUSTRALIA. FROM THE BEGINNING THE WINES WERE VERY WELL RECEIVED AT HOME AND ABROAD WITH A HEALTHY STREAM OF REVIEWS, CULMINATING IN 2004 WITH ROBERT M. PARKER PRONOUNCING TWO HANDS AS "THE FINEST NEGOCIANT OPERATION SOUTH OF THE EQUATOR".

SINCE THE WINERY OPENED, TWO HANDS SUCCESS HAS GONE FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH WITH NUMEROUS ACCOLADES DEFINING THE CULTURE OF THE ORGANIZATION. IN ONLY THEIR 11TH VINTAGE, TWO HANDS CREATED HISTORY BY PLACING IN WINE SPECTATOR'S ANNUAL TOP 100 WINES TEN YEARS IN A ROW - AN ASTOUNDING ACHIEVEMENT THAT HAS NEVER BEEN EQUALED BY ANY OTHER WINERY WORLD-WIDE. CONSISTENT 90+ REVIEWS FROM ROBERT PARKER JNR'S WINE ADVOCATE, STEPHEN TANZER'S INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR, JAMES HALLIDAY'S WINE COMPANION, WINE SPECTATOR AND THE UK DECANTER MAGAZINE IS FURTHER TESTAMENT TO THE COMPANY'S ABILITY TO CAPTURE THE TERROIR OF EACH VINEYARD AND CAREFULLY NURTURE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF EACH PARCEL. NOT SURPRISINGLY, TWO HANDS HAS COME TO BE REGARDED AS ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS ESTATES.

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COLOUR: DEEP, DARK RED WITH A PURPLE HUE AT THE MENISCUS.

AROMA: LIFTED NOTES OF PLUMS AND BLUEBERRIES WITH TOP NOTES OF PIPE SMOKE, SANDALWOOD, ROLLED TOBACCO AND EARTH SPICES.

PALATE: MEDIUM TO FULL-BODIED WITH EXCELLENT DRIVE AND CLARITY TO THE FLAVOUR. BUOYANT NOTES OF BLUE FRUITS WITH SUPPORTING NOTES OF INDIAN SPICE AND SANDALWOOD LEAD THE CHARGE. RICHLY FRUITED YET POISED AND POLISHED. TANNINS ARE ROUND AND CHEWY IN NATURE WITH LOVELY DEPTH AND CARESSING NATURE. COMPLEX AND PERSISTENT THROUGH THE FINISH.

REVIEWS

93 POINTS. MARY-ANN WOROBIEC (WINE SPECTATOR MAGAZINE):

"ELEGANT, SPICY AND RICH, WITH WALNUT BREAD, TOFFEE AND FENNEL NOTES THAT ARE POLISHED AND REFINED, WITH BLUEBERRY AND BLACKBERRY FRUIT FLAVOURS. REALLY TAKES OFF ON THE FINISH, WHERE EVERYTHING SINGS IN HARMONY. DRINK NOW THROUGH 2030. 620 CASES MADE. "

93 POINTS. LISA PERROTTI-BROWN (ROBERT PARKER'S WINE ADVOCATE):

"DEEP GARNET-PURPLE COLORED, THE 2014 SHIRAZ SAMANTHA'S GARDEN IS REDOLENT OF CRUSHED BLACKCURRANTS AND BLACK CHERRIES WITH VIOLETS, CLOVES, ANISE AND MENTHOL SUGGESTIONS. FULL-BODIED, RICH AND SEDUCTIVE IN THE MOUTH, IT FILLS THE PALATE WITH PLUSH, VELVETY TANNINS AND LAYERS OF PERFUMED FRUIT, FINISHING LONG WITH A LIVELY LIFT."



VINTAGE: 2014

WINERY: TWO HANDS ([HTTP://WWW.TWOHANDSWINES.COM](http://www.twohandswines.com))

REGION: CLARE VALLEY

AVAILABILITY: AVAILABLE NOW IN CONSIGNMENT

CASE QUANTITY: 6 BOTTLES PER CASE

BOTTLE SIZE: 750 ML

COMPOSITION: SHIRAZ / SYRAH (100%)