

It's their differences that make wines interesting

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Layer Cake Shiraz, Barossa Valley, South Australia, 2005

About \$15 a bottle

“This inky-dark Shiraz from Australia has nothing to do with the North American appellations discussed in today’s column. So my apologies for the disconnect.

But I came across this wine at a recent trade tasting, and it is so good – and so new to our market – that I couldn’t resist mentioning it.

This inaugural release comes from Jayson Woodbridge, producer of the cult-status Hundred Acre Cabernet from Napa Valley.

It is a pure-pleasure Shiraz, one that is rich, complex and loaded with black raspberry flavor. The wine’s intensity can be attributed to the grapes, which are from low-yield, dry-climate vineyards. A hint of gentle French oak – no sweet-tasting American oak – binds it all together.

Overall, it’s an outstanding Shiraz that can stand up to counterparts at twice the price.”



For sales and distribution information about Layer Cake and other Pure Love Shiraz wines from the Barossa Valley visit www.vintagepoint.com