



Wine Adviser

“Making 2007 a good year for wine ~ and wine lovers”

“A letter came in recently from a young winemaker named Jayson Woodbridge, along with a bottle of this **2005 Layer Cake Shiraz from Australia’s Barossa Valley**. You may recognize him as the winemaker for the cult California cabernet producer Hundred Acre. Layer cake is his new Australian project.

The name comes from a conversation Woodbridge had some years ago with his grandfather, who made and drank wine, Woodbridge tells me, for eight decades. Grandfather gave his young grandson some pretty good winemaking advice. The best soils in which vines lived, said the old man, were a layer cake. Wine, if properly made, was like a delicious cake layered with fruit, mocha, chocolate and hints of spice – rich and flavorful. ‘Never pass up a good layer cake,’ he advised.

Woodbridge claims to have found his layer-cake soils in the Barossa, and in the pricey world of top Barossa shiraz, his Layer Cake sounds like a steal at around \$15. ...

This wine really delivered the goods.

Dark and minty, fragrant with eucalyptus, intense and sappy, it was rich all right, but not tiring. The French oak was carefully managed, the acids were pure and natural, and the grapes were 100 percent Barossa.



Great flavor from a great region at a great price.”



For more information about Layer Cake and other Pure Love shiraz wines visit
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