

LAYER CAKE



One Hundred Percent Pure

SHIRAZ

VINTAGE 2010

South Australia

ALC. 14.9% BY VOL.



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SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 2010

"My old grandfather told me the soils in which the vines lived were a layer cake. If properly made, the wine from these vines was like a delicious cake layered with fruit, mocha and chocolate, with hints of spice and rich, always rich. Never pass up a good Layer Cake."

— A. Orlando Tribute, Jayson Woodbridge

Vineyard Notes: South Australia is arguably one of the top shiraz-growing regions of the world. Within SA, the McLaren Vale and the Barossa are the most diverse and historic sub-regions with vines dating back to the 1830's. The microclimates within these areas are what give Layer Cake Shiraz its complexity. For our Shiraz, we pull from vineyards in McLaren Vale and the Barossa Valley; from the sandy soiled blocks on the sea coast of Gulf St. Vincent, to the Terra Rosa based, tiny-berried wind-blown rolling hills in the Barossa Zone. The microclimates give us a broad array of flavors to blend into a complex, rich, full wine.

Climate: The McLaren Vale is bordered on one side by water and the other by an ancient mountain range; Gulf St. Vincent and the Adelaide hills in this case. The Vale is moderated in temperature by the sea as the warm air gets trapped in pockets of the undulating hills; these blocks have deeper soils and produce wines with big mouth filling fruit.

The Barossa has shallow red soils with limestone underneath, and is directly in the path of the brutal heat and dust storms that emanate from the Great Australian Outback. The vines struggle to survive producing tiny-berries with thick skins, and wines with big structure and intensity.

Winemaker Notes: An eye for detail and relentless pursuit of perfection coupled with an insatiable desire to produce the finest wine is winemaker Jayson Woodbridge's gift.

Non-interventionist winemaking practices are used:

- Gentle treatment of the fruit
- No acidification, no American oak
- A gentle touch of new French oak

Tasting Notes: The 2010 Layer Cake Shiraz is outstanding due to virtually perfect growing conditions and rigorous vineyard selections. The wine is incredibly layered and richer than in past years. Bold spice, black plums, dark chocolate, mocha and cherries and black berries abound with a hint of red soil and a faint trace of anise with layers of spice box. Loaded with glycerol mouth feel and capped off with a long creamy finish that just hangs on your palette.

Wine Facts:

- 100% Pure Shiraz
- 14.9% Alcohol
- 100% French Oak, 40% new

