



SL45660 **Thorn-Clarke Shotfire Shiraz 2011, Barossa, Australia 14.5%**

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"Outstanding" - 90 Points, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate
Trophy - Best of show in the 'Shiraz from around the world' class,
Hong Kong International Wine Challenge 2015



Thorn-Clarke's Shotfire Shiraz has over the years built a reputation for its quality and excellent value. The 2011 has garnered numerous accolades and praise from critics, and the winery itself recently achieved the 5 red star rating in James Halliday's wine companion 2016 (for the 10th year running!). With such praise bestowed, we duly ordered a bottle and looked forward to its arrival. Needless to say, the Shotfire Shiraz was an instant hit.

The Shotfire offers up delightful ripe black fruit aromas, which are infused with hints of cedarwood and mocha. The ripeness is carried onto the mid-weight palate with a silky, broad and fleshy texture. A concentrated palate of dark plum, blackberry and blackcurrant is offset with a harmonious acidity and fine-grained tannins. A sweet spice note adds interest on the palate. Drinking perfectly now, enjoy with a well-seasoned rib-eye steak served medium-rare with an au poivre sauce.

Robert Parker proclaims Thorn-Clarke red wines as some of the greatest value in the marketplace, and awarded the 2011 Shotfire Shiraz 90 points. He noted: 'The outstanding 2011 Shotfire Shiraz (aged 14-16 months in American and French hogsheads) delivers considerable value and flavour authority. Its deep ruby/purple colour is accompanied by notes of blackberries, blackcurrants, licorice, graphite and subtle barbecue smoke. Rich, fleshy and dense.'

The Estate & The Barossa Valley



The Barossa valley was first settled in the early 1840s by small farmers and artisans seeking religious freedom from their native Silesia (now Poland). Today the Barossa Valley is reputed as one of the world's finest wine-growing regions and famed for its flagship Shiraz wines. The Thorn-Clarke story begins with Cheryl Clarke's family, the Thorn's, who have been growing grapes in the Barossa since the 1870's. David Clarke's family were pioneers in the Barossa as well but most famously in the mining of gold from the Barossa Goldfields. It has been David's love of the wine industry that saw the planting of the Kabininge vineyard outside of Tanunda in 1987. Today the winery is still family owned and under the guardianship of David and Cheryl Clarke whose goal is to ensure their children and the next six generations inherit a successful, respected, and environmentally sustainable business.

Stocks are limited so please order in good time to avoid disappointment