

# Shotfire Cabernet Sauvignon-Shiraz

Thorn Clarke

Australia - South Australia - Barossa Valley

Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz blends are uniquely Australian and goes against the traditional winemaking grain. This wine embodies the Clarke families tendency to swim "against the current". In the 1980's when many growers were pulling out vines, David and Cheryl were planting.

Deep red in color with brick hues on release. Leafy cabernet varietal cabernet is balanced by ripe plum, licorice and slight eucalyptus characters on the nose. Upfront dark fruits and long grainy tannins dominate the palate. In addition, maturation on French oak adds spice and cedar-like characters. The wine has a distinct acid backbone which gives the wine long persistence.



## Specifications

<b>Appellation</b>	Barossa Valley
<b>Varietals</b>	76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Shiraz.
<b>Vinification</b>	The grapes are crushed and de-stemmed into fermenters. Yeast is added immediately once in fermenter and the ferments are pumped over twice daily to maximise colour, tannin and flavour extraction. Cooling is used to ensure ferments remain in the 22-25 degree celcius range which will allow the fruit to display maximum fruit expression. Pressing then occurs approximately seven days after crushing and the wine is then put into a mix of French and American oak to mature for 14 to 16 months.
<b>Pairings</b>	Pairs well with Australian lamb chops, rack of lamb.

## Reviews and News

2015 Thorn-Clarke Shotfire Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz Barossa - 91 PTS - WA
2015 Thorn-Clarke Shotfire Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz Barossa - 89 PTS - WS
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2013 Thorn-Clarke Shotfire Cabernet Sauvignon / Shiraz - 90 PTS - VINOUS
2012 Shotfire Cabernet Sauvignon / Shiraz 91 PTS - IWC
2012 Shotfire Cabernet Sauvignon / Shiraz - 92 PTS - AWC
2011 Thorn-Clarke Shotfire Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz Barossa - 87 PTS - WA
2010 Thorn-Clarke Shotfire Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz Barossa - 91 PTS - WA
2010 Thorn-Clarke Shotfire Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz Barossa - 91 PTS - Decanter
2010 Thorn-Clarke Shotfire Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz Barossa - 90 PTS - WS