

JIP JIP ROCKS

Limestone Coast - Australia



2006 Shiraz Cabernet

Our Vineyards

Our sole objective is to produce the best wines possible from our unique vineyard site. Planted on own rootstock and located in the Padthaway valley which is comprised of rich Terra Rosa soils our estate vineyard benefits from excellent sun exposure producing grapes of optimum flavour, colour and tannin development. The warm summer days are moderated each evening by coastal winds that cool the vines and result in a longer ripening period. This extended period allows for the grape tannins and seed to fully ripen prior to being harvested, thus creating wines that are rich and supple on the palate.

Our pursuit of great wine can also be seen in the meticulous management of our vineyard. We strive for low crop yields and small grape bunches of intense flavour, and whilst we employ the latest technology in the vineyard to help us achieve vine balance and reduced vigour, we harvest when the fruit reaches full flavour development.

Winemaking Notes

Winemaking is very traditional and labour intensive. Oak maturation takes place using 35-40% new barrels with the oak type been American. In good cellars, Jip Jip Rocks Shiraz/Cabernet can age for up to 5 years. This blend was put together using select barrels from our family estate that best demonstrate the intensity of our fruit balanced by integrated oak.

Vintage Overview

2006 was extremely dry with little or no rain during fruit set and growing season. Consistently mild weather leading up to harvest encouraged optimal ripening. Weather conditions during harvest were perfect, making for a smooth vintage. Grape berries were quite small and since yields were down, flavour was concentrated and quality enhanced.

Tasting Notes

Deep purple in colour. Dense, concentrated style, deep and complex. Reminiscent of tangy blackcurrants, fruit liqueurs and earthy, leafy herbs, it tastes rich, long and complete. Smoky oak and fine, ripe tannins are perfectly integrated.

Production Statistics:

Bottling Date: 04.06.2007

Sizes: 750ml

Region (GI): 100% Padthaway

Varietal composition: 55% Shiraz / 45% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 14.9% alc/Vol

Total Acidity: 5.9 g/L

pH: 3.48

RS: 1.3 g/L

CSPC: 9327847003034 **USA:** 784585008957

ALLERGENS: The use of natural fining agents may have been used. Traces of egg or nuts may occur.

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WINESTATE

Sept/Oct 2007

Some lovely minty notes underlying the dense, inky, mulberry fruit and spicy oak. Tarry on the nose and balanced on the palate.

 **Stephen Tanzer's
International Wine Cellar**

Bright purple. Energetic cherry and blueberry aromas display an exotic hint of licorice. Taut, youthfully bright red and dark berries on the palate, with a nervy mineral lift to the finish.