



The **2004 ROMULUS** is 100% Barossa Valley Shiraz

A story that has intrigued us for years is the fable of the legendary founders of Ancient Rome, Romulus and Remus. These twins were abandoned at birth and reared by a she-wolf. Romulus murdered his twin in a fit of rage over the naming of Rome, the city which both had built. Legend presents Romulus as the stronger, more powerful of the brothers, while Remus was more refined, focussed and elegant. We believe the twins' characteristics also describe the distinctive and unique flavours and attributes of Shiraz from the twin valleys – the Barossa Valley and Eden Valley.

Wine Description

Deep crimson with a bouquet of ripe dark plums, prunes, cedar, rich vanilla and chocolate aromas. A powerful and fleshy palate displaying excellent structure and fine grained velvety tannins.

Winemaking

Hand harvested, destemmed and crushed, cool fermented and hand plunged 4 times daily. After 10 days on skins the fermentation was pressed to oak for maturation. Matured for 22 months in new American oak hogsheads and barriques with minimal rackings, finings and no filtration before bottling.

Vineyard /Region

Barossa Valley (Light Pass sub region) 85+ year old

Harvest Date

5th March 2004

Yield

1.3 t/acre (3.2 t/ha)

Wine Details

Alcohol 14.5%

pH 3.5

TA 6.4 g/l

Production 170 doz

Cellaring Potential

Optimum year 2015. Ensure you decant prior to serving.

92pts – Wine Spectator 30 Sept 2007

“Dense and distinctive for the cherry and raspberry notes around a supple core of fruit. Open-textured and refined, hinting at sandalwood and cream as the fruit persists impressively against fine tannins. Best from 2008 through 2016.” **Harvey Steiman**