



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' characterise the distinctive and unique flavours and attributes of Shiraz from the twin valleys – the Barossa Valley and Eden Valley.

2008 ROMULUS Barossa Valley Shiraz

Wine Description

Deep ruby and garnet in colour this alluring bouquet of vanilla chocolate and coffee bean meld with dark cherry and spicy plum notes. A powerful and fleshy palate displaying great length with layers of complex flavours.

Winemaking

Hand harvested, destemmed and crushed into small 1.5 tonne open topped fermenters. A variety of fermentation techniques across different old vine batches contributes to a range of wine outcomes that are important in creating the layers of flavours and texture in the Romulus. All ferments, however, were hand plunged daily ensuring a gentle extraction and after a long period on skins the ferments were pressed to new American Oak hogsheads. Matured and racked only once through the 20-month maturation period provides for extended mouth-feel and wine palate texture. Prior to bottling, natural clarification and stabilisation techniques were employed to ensure minimal finings and no filtration.

Vineyard | Region

Barossa Valley 85+ year-old vineyard | Light Pass sub-region
Barossa Valley 80+ year-old vineyard | Moppa sub-region

Harvest Date

17th February 2008 (Light Pass vineyard)
17th February 2008 (Moppa vineyard)

Yield

1.6 t/acre (3.9 t/ha) Light Pass vineyard
0.9 t/acre (2.2 t/ha) Moppa vineyard

Wine Details

Alcohol: 14.5%	Shiraz 100%
pH: 3.48	Residual Sugar: NIL
Total Acidity: 6.9 g/l	Production: 250 doz

Cellaring Potential

Built to last - optimum year 2022

Gold Medal – Winewise Small Vigneron Award 2011, Class 45
91pts – The Wine Spectator – 31 July 2011
91pts – James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion 2012