

Oscar Semmler



2010 OSCAR SEMMLER SHIRAZ

Shiraz from the St. Jakobi Vineyard 6-acre "75 Block" matures in barrels for up to 22 months and during this time we regularly taste each barrel and make note of the best structured and most mouth filling parcels. Towards the end of 2011 the selected barrels were graded further and the final 10 barrels were chosen for the 2010 "Oscar Semmler" Shiraz our reserve label for Dutschke, representing the best of the vintage from the "75 Block".

In 2010 the "75 Block" Shiraz was harvested on three separate occasions, picking the eastern 10 rows on the 25th of February, the middle 10 rows on the 1st of March and the remaining 12 rows on the western side on the 4th of March. Each parcel was fermented individually for 9 to 11 days in stainless steel fermenters under our shed veranda, before being drained, pressed and then transferred to oak hogsheads to complete fermentation. The wines were racked and then returned to the same oak barrels to mature for a further 21 months.

The 2010 "Oscar Semmler" Shiraz is a full bodied, ripe and generously fruit filled wine, showing mid palate fruit flavours characteristic of plum and black berries. The spicy French oak characters and fine grain grape tannins complement the round fruit focussed palate concentration. The finish is long with firm tannins and clean acidity. It is a wine that will further soften and show greater complexity with careful cellaring.

Winemaker:	Wayne Dutschke
Vineyard:	Ken and Helen Semmler's St. Jakobi Vineyard
Region:	Lyndoch, Barossa Valley, South Australia
Harvest Date:	25th February, 1st and 4th March 2010
Fermentation:	9 to 11 day ferments in static fermenters with twice daily pump overs. Fruit from "pick" fermented and matured in oak separately
Oak Maturation:	21 months in new and one year old French and American Oak Hogsheads 10 Hogsheads Total (9 x French and 1 x American)
Alcohol:	14.8%
Cellaring potential:	Drink now to 2025

Scores and Reviews

Gold	2012 Mundus Vini Great International Wine Awards, Germany
95 points	Wine Taste Weekly, Edition 67 by Tyson Stelzer
94+ points	The Wine Advocate #205 by Lisa Perotti-Brown