RWT Barossa Valley Shiraz
2006

Penfolds RWT Shiraz presents an admirable alternative to the multi-regional sourcing and American oak maturation that are hallmarks of Grange, expressing instead, single-region Barossa Valley Shiraz matured only in French oak. The initials RWT stand for ‘Red Winemaking Trial’, the name given to the project internally when developmental work began in 1995. Naturally, now no longer a ‘Trial’!

RWT Shiraz was launched in May 2000 with the 1997 vintage. Its style is opulent and fleshy, contrasting with Grange, which is more muscular and assertive. RWT is made from fruit primarily selected for its aromatic qualities and fine texture rather than sheer intensity or power of flavour. The result is a wine that helps to redefine Barossa Shiraz at the highest quality level.

"In the style of the 2002 vintage - perhaps a touch more sumptuous. Proudly Barossa, a pedigreed 2006 offer that needs plenty of air to open up."

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COLOUR
Deep, dark magenta.

NOSE
Dark spices and saturated fresh regional Shiraz fruits - tell-tale wafts of blueberry, blackberry, liquorice and black olive. Secondary notes of rosemary, peppercorn, thyme, juices of beef - verging on that of a terrine / corned beef. Subtle cedary French oak in the background is in equilibrium with other incense-like and beguiling artefacts.

PALATE
Lush & expansive, yet with a defined, sleek demeanour. Plush velvety tannins - rounded / polished / dense. Tarry / liquorice blackness - espresso, coffee ground, dark chocolate with high notes of sarsaparilla, aniseed & green olive.

Oak? Completely ingested, balanced & long.