



# 2003 The Darkie Shiraz

(US market - CW's Block)

Our flagship wine dark and inky as the jet black hair of its namesake, Ron's uncle CW Liebich.

Grown On CW's Block, planted by Darkie Liebich in 1969, the vines suffer dead arm affliction which reduces the yield, but the low yield greatly intensifies the flavours of the fruit. The fruit is carefully monitored for flavour and usually picked end of March, early April at around 15°Beaume. The wine exhibits the deep, dark, silky, rich, full, plummy style for which the area is famous.

This wine is creating worldwide interest for its intense, almost sticky fruit flavours. Maturation in American oak with some Nevers oak hogsheads has added complexity and smoothness to the intense flavours of the low yield. This wine is unfiltered to retain maximum fruit flavours.

**Tasting Notes:** Precocious berry fruit, mocha and black pepper hints mark one of the best seasons ever. This low yielding Shiraz is aged for 10 months in various aged French Nevers and American oak, and bottled unfiltered to represent the finest Barossa Shiraz in a style harkening back to the rich, intense character of wines of the fifties and sixties. Deep red-black in colour. This wine displays the the full 'dark' spectrum with stewed cherry, mocha, coconut and vanilla aromas. The lusciously sweet jammy palate integrates perfectly with the oak. Silky and seductive!

**Alcohol:** 15.7%.

**Cellar:** 20+ years.

**Closure:** Cork and screw cap.



Limited quantities of the 1996-2002 vintages also available

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