

## **2003 PARINGA SHIRAZ**

**Year:** 2003

**Brand:** Paringa

**Variety:** Shiraz

**Varietal:** 100%

**Region:** South Australia

**Bottle Size:** 750ml Stelvin

**Total Case Production:** 53,000 cases

### **Tasting Notes:**

**Colour:** Deep dark rufescent with a atramentous hue.

**Bouquet:** White pepper, raspberry with a balanced and well integrated oak from start to finish.

**Palate:** Dark plum fruity palate, firm structured tannins, rich and ripe berries with a smooth, soft and velvety finish.

**Analytical Data:** Alcohol 14%, Total acidity: 6.4 g/l, Residual sugar: 0.6 g/l, pH: 3.42

### **Vintage Comments:**

**Yield:** 8 tonnes per acre

**Harvest:** March 2003

Overall, the dry season conditions have again helped to deliver a sound and generally disease-free vintage, with lower yields resulting in grapes of above average to excellent quality.

The decline in the 2003 vintage is largely attributable to widespread lower drought-affected yields in both cool and warm climate regions, and cool weather during initial bud formation prior to the 2002 harvest.

**Producer:** The ARH Australian Wine Company Pty Ltd

**Grower/Owner:** David & Dena Hickenbotham

**Winemaker:** Mike Farmilo

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