



## 2008 PARINGA SPARKLING SHIRAZ

**Year:** 2008

**Brand:** Paringa

**Variety:** Sparkling Shiraz

**Varietal:** 100%

**Region:** South Australia

**Bottle Size:** 750ml Stelvin

**Total Case Production:** 7,500 cases

### Tasting Notes:

**Colour:** Saturated deep magenta red.

**Bouquet:** Crisp, clean raspberry fruits, an abundance of flavour complemented with mocha and cedar from the subtle French oak maturation.

**Palate:** A lively refreshing and medium bodied palate. Comprising sweet berry fruits, ripest plums and cassis, with hints of chocolate molasses, caraway seed and fennel.

**Analytical Data:** Alcohol 13.5%, Total acidity: 7.0 g/l, Residual sugar: 45.7 g/l, pH: 3.57

### Vintage Comments:

**Yield:** 5 tonnes per acre

**Harvest:** The spring and summer conditions were quite beneficial to growing, with few extreme heat days and very little rain. This resulted in quite good cropping levels and an early start to vintage, with the first grapes coming off in the second week of January.

For anything harvested prior to the end of February the quality of fruit was very high. A week of extreme heat hit at the end of February which ripened everything quicker than the wineries could process it, causing some concern to both growers and winemakers. However, due to the early season the majority of the fruit had been processed by then so this did not affect the overall quality of the vintage greatly.

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

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

**Winemaker:** John Gledhill

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