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"The McRae Wood" Shiraz 2011 vintage

This Shiraz honours the vision of pioneer Clare Valley winemaker Jim Barry.

In 1964, Jim purchased 70 acres of prime land from Duncan McRae Wood and planted his first vineyard with Shiraz. It was an inspired choice of both grape variety and location.

2011 was a challenging vintage with a cool growing season and above average rainfall. Harvesting of Shiraz grapes commenced in March and showed good colour and flavour development.

Winemaking Notes

This is a well-weighted, medium-bodied, but concentrated Shiraz, which shows a beautiful purple/red colour with high clarity.

It offers aromas of brambly, pepper spice and underlying spearmint.

The savoury palate shows generous flavours of cloves, curry leaves, mountain pepper and red cherries. The tannins are fine grained and carefully balanced with vibrant acidity and a satisfying finish.

A wine made using the 'Jim Barry' method and as such can be enjoyed upon release but would equally benefit from a rest in the cellar to allow the wine to show some mature characteristics that come with age.

Clare Valley, South Australia

Wine has been flowing in the Clare Valley since 1851 and is an integral part of the culture. It is one of Australia's most prestigious premium wine regions famous for its Riesling and Shiraz. A tiny area accounting for less than 1.5% of the total Australian production.

With its beautiful rolling hills, ideal winter rainfall and Mediterranean climate, the Clare Valley carries a unique history and winemaking heritage.

Specifications

Variety:	Shiraz
Vintage:	2011
Region:	Clare Valley, South Australia
Estate Grown:	100%
Harvested:	March 2011
First Release:	Vintage 1992
Oak Treatment:	Aged for 12 months in 40% new oak (being 60% French and 40% American) with the balance in a combination of 1, 2 and 3-year old barrels.
Alc/Vol:	13.5%
Total Acid:	6.0g/l
pH:	3.5

