

SORBY ADAMS

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True Expression of an Individual Vineyard

Sorby Adams Wines has just released their 2005 'The Thing' Shiraz. The fruit is sourced entirely from winemaker Simon Adams' Home Vineyard in Angaston at the north eastern end of Barossa's Eden Valley.

Sitting at 410 metres, the vineyard is one of the oldest cool climate sites in Eden Valley. It was planted in 1932 by Peter Lehmann's father Pastor Franz Julius Lehmann. The old vines yield only 1.2 tonnes per acre every year.

Simon Adams and his wife Helen purchased the property in 1996. Previously, the fruit had been sold to Barossa wineries Yalumba, Rockford and St Hallett.

"I have spent the last 10 years nurturing these delicate old gems and thankfully it has paid off. The fruit is intensely concentrated and the flavours are unique due to the site, the age of the vines and the soil. It is truly fitting to be our flagship wine," said Adams.

Adams enjoys the challenge of crafting single vineyard sub regional wines.

"You are at the mercy of nature. Crafting single vineyard wines is exciting and the results are always true expressions of the vineyards reaction to nature," said Adams.

The 2005 'The Thing' Shiraz is testament to vintage variation and is not the typical, classic, cool climate Eden Valley Shiraz. The warmer ripening period in 2005 resulted in richer, fuller flavoured fruit.

"For this vintage I decided to use 40% new French oak for maturation to compliment the riper vintage fruit characters.

"The profile of the 2005 'The Thing' Shiraz has layers of flavour that are so apparent in wines sourced from vines of significant age. It is so concentrated and has a big mouth-full of opulent spicy, ripe, berry fruits and fine grain tannins.

"Helen and I love to drink it with a Barossa vintage staple saddle-of-hare because the gaminess of the meat goes perfectly with the rich complexity of the Shiraz," said Adams.

2005 'The Thing' Shiraz is available from fine wine stores at a RRP \$55.00 or online www.sorbyadamswines.com

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