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1999 RUNRIG

RATING: 99
FROM: Barossa Valley, South Australia
VARIETY: Shiraz

Deep garnet colored, the 1999 RunRig presents an incredible nose with complex and layered aromas of smoked bacon, dried mulberries, kirsch and leather intermingling with sandalwood, anise and potpourri nuances. Medium to full-bodied, this is a very elegant wine with vibrant acid and concentrated fruit, structured with medium levels of grainy tannins through the long and layered finish. It is just beautiful. Drink it now to 2024+.

1999 THE FACTOR

RATING: 93
FROM: Barossa Valley, South Australia
VARIETY: Shiraz

Deep garnet in color, the 1999 The Factor shows an earthy, meaty and gamey nose that is a little musky. Full-bodied and rich, it has medium levels of velvety tannins that hold up the concentrated and long, spicy finish. It is mature now and ready to drink.



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1999 DESCENDANT

RATING: 97
FROM: Barossa Valley, South Australia
VARIETY: Shiraz

Deep garnet-black in color, the 1999 Descendant shows intensely earthy and meaty aromas accented by notes of charcoal, smoked meat, dark cherry compote, some menthol and anise. Full-bodied and rich, more so in the mouth than on the nose, it is structured by firm, grainy tannins and crisp acid. The finish gives long, layered and concentrated savory notes with hints of licorice and fennel seed. Drink it now to 2018+.

2001 LES AMIS

RATING: 95
FROM: Barossa Valley, South Australia
VARIETY: Grenache

Pale to medium garnet-brick in color, the 2001 Les Amis opens with meaty, earthy and leather aromas fused with stewed tea notes, a touch of sauteed herbs and coffee. Rich, full and opulent, the palate is more spicy and fruity than the nose, and finishes with a similar spicy, long length. It is mature now and ready to drink until 2016+.

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2001 THE STRUIE

RATING: 90

FROM: Barossa Valley, South Australia
VARIETY: Shiraz

Medium garnet-brick in color, the 2001 The Struie exudes earthy notes of tobacco, cigar box and spice cake with a little espresso. Medium-bodied, it is framed by medium-firm, chewy tannins, a vibrant acid line and a long finish. It is mature now and ready to drink.

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2001 THE STEADING

RATING: 93

FROM: Barossa Valley, South Australia
VARIETY: Grenache Shiraz Mataro

Medium deep garnet with a touch of brick color, the 2001 The Steading is meaty, ripe and rich with really complex aromas of menthol, potpourri, sandalwood, some tobacco and leather. It is a touch sweaty on the palate but not unpleasantly so, and is followed with rich and full flavors, medium levels of grainy tannins, and a long and earthy finish. It is mature now and ready to drink.

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2005 THE PICT

RATING: 94

FROM: Barossa Valley, South Australia
VARIETY: Mataro

Deep garnet colored, the 2005 The Pict has a really flamboyant nose of ripe blackberries and cherries intermingling with dark chocolate, licorice and espresso notes and loam. Big, rich and wonderfully expressive, it gives loads of flavor layers, fresh acid and a medium-firm level of grainy tannins before finishing long. Drink it now to 2020+.

2005 THE GASK

RATING: 94

FROM: Eden Valley, South Australia
VARIETY: Shiraz

Deep garnet colored, the 2005 The Gask shows off lovely menthol and warm red fruit and kirsch aromas fused with eucalyptus, spices, some dried sage and anise. Full, rich and voluptuous, it gives tons of vibrant fruit flavor and is structured with firm levels of grainy tannins, very crisp acid and a long, fresh finish. Drink it now to 2020+.

Not available in export markets.

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2006 THE CELTS

RATING: 95

FROM: Barossa Valley, South Australia
VARIETY: Shiraz

Deep garnet with hints of purple, the 2006 The Celts is still a little closed but manages to show some menthol, dark fruit, and exotic spices fused with Chinese five spice and salami notes. Full-bodied and rich, it has a good backbone of fine and firm tannins, a vibrant acid line and a long finish. Drink it now to 2022+.

2009 THE CELTS

RATING: 95

FROM: Barossa Valley, South Australia
VARIETY: Shiraz

Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2009 The Celts is quite perfumed and shows off freshly crushed blackberries and cassis followed by a floral lift with touches of cinnamon and vanilla. Full-bodied and muscular, it has medium-firm, grainy tannins, nice balance on the palate and a long, savory and spicy finish. Drink it now to 2023+.

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