

Rocland Estate Lot 147 2006 Shiraz – Wine Reviews

Wine Enthusiast Magazine 91 Points - Cellar Selection and Editors Choice

Source: June Issue 2009 Wine Enthusiast Magazine.

Rocland puts out a number of inexpensive wines, but this is evidence that the company has quality aspirations as well. Filled with plum, blueberry, licorice and dried-spice notes, this is a reasonably full-bodied wine with a long, dusty finish that would pair nicely with steaks or roasts.

"Jane's Monthly Dozen: New Australian Wines in Market" - Atlanta based national wine writer Jane - Score: 93

Source: January 2009 Issue of Connect With Wine.

Warm Barossa Valley lies just a short distance—about 35 miles--north of Adelaide. The name, meaning “red earth,” was given the region in 1837 by Col. William Light, an English officer who had fought in the Battle of Barrosa (sic) in 1811, near Cádiz, Spain. Evidently seeing some similarities between the two lands, he was inspired to borrow the word to name the area. While other grapes are grown in the valley, the region is chiefly known for Shiraz. Hot days at the end of the growing season produce intense, rich flavors. This Shiraz shows that very character. Alcohol is high (15%), but the wine doesn't read hot. Full-bodied, with a deep, dark purple red color, this Shiraz offers intense aromas of fresh and dried dark fruits. On the palate, equally intense dark fruits are big and somewhat jammy, but still balanced and not port-like. They provide great cover for intensely flavored dishes. Decant for several hours; two days after being opened, it still tasted great. Serve it cool, about 65°F/17°C, in tall tulip-shaped glasses with apricot-curry glazed grilled pork or chicken (singularly yummy), barbecue with a sauce that's not sweet, legume dishes with tomato and lots of garlic, Indian lamb dishes that are spicy and aromatic but not too hot, grilled vegetables with olive oil. Dark chocolate is ok.

Wine Styles Asia Wine Show

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A Big generously endowed wine offering black fruits, dark chocolate, Plum and Mocha oak; soft and round mouthfeel and finish. 93 points.

"Shiraz Makers Shine" - Huon Hooke Wine Writer : Sydney Morning Herald

Source: Sydney Morning Herald April 22,2008.

Rocland Estate is small and new. Franc Rocca came to the wine business from cut flowers, specialising in carnations and lisianthus. He has a winery and small vineyard on the Sturt Highway at Nuriootpa. His winemaker, Peter Gajewski, nicknamed Juicy, is ex-Penfolds and the two wines I've tasted to date have been very good.

The '06 Rocland Estate Lot 147 Shiraz is a statuesque red in big, bold but well-made modern Barossa style: very good, although the vines are young at eight years (94/100; \$28). The second '06 shiraz, Kilroy Was Here, is an earlier drinking but still flavour-packed, robust red (92/100; \$20). Its name refers to the US military habit of scrawling "Kilroy was here" graffiti wherever they travelled and, according to Rocca, is "all about making your mark in the world". Which is exactly what Rocland Estate is doing.

Winestate Regional Tasting Rating Australian & New Zealand : 4½ Stars

Source: Winestate Magazine March/April 2008

Subdued, brooding, inky nose with a rich, ripe, licorice/plum palate. Great flavour concentration and length. Smart oak. Will open up in time and should age very gracefully.