

# CAMERON HUGHES

## Lot 39 Australia Shiraz

### *Barossa Valley*

**Vintage:** 2005

**Appellation:** Barossa Valley, Australia

**Grape:** 90% Shiraz, 10% Viognier

**Alcohol by volume:** 15%

**Production:** 8,500 cases

**Availability:** August 2007

**Taste:** This opulent wine is dark red in color with purple hues. The dense fruit is rich with red berry, plum and cherry aromas. The palate is velvety with flavors of black cherry, raspberries and dark chocolate. This is complimented by toasty oak and grainy tannins. Excellent weight, texture and persistence of flavor. This wine is drinking well now, and has a cellaring potential of ten years.

**Cameron Confidential:** The first couple of days of my trip to Australia were pretty much a disappointment in terms of sourcing. A couple of guys just didn't pan out and Jay and I were frustrated. Winemakers Lance and John picked us up from our hotel the third day and took out to McClaren Vale where we sized up some great wines (Lots 40 and 41). It wasn't until day four in Barossa that things really came together. Quite frankly, this wine should be called "Jay's Cuvee" as my partner had to take over the tasting that morning as my palate had mysteriously gone caput after a Red Bull (OK — so its not a mystery, the sugar tweaks your palate. A ham and cheese croissant fixed me up straight-away). After a bit of back-and-forth blending the blend of 90% shiraz and 10% viognier was chosen.

**This wine comes from a well-known Australian winery that has only barely penetrated the US.** Their bottling is a different blend, of course, but very similar. The wine is aged in a combination of French and American oak.



***"A lot of wine for the price!  
In my experience the quality of wines  
offered by the company have been  
quite high, and they tend to be good  
bargains, so it's a label worth  
checking out."***

—Jerry Shriver, USA Today



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