

CAMERON HUGHES

Lot 45 Cabernet/Shiraz

Hunter Valley, Australia

Vintage: 2005

Appellation: Hunter Valley, Australia

Grape: 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 55% Shiraz

Alcohol by volume: 14.5%

Production: 2,000 cases

Availability: January 2008

Taste: Bright colors and red fruits on the nose lead to a super smooth entry of cinnamon and red fruits. Think Holiday spice rack. The palate is broad but with a backbone of acidity that carries this wine to a long finish of blackberry, blueberry and spice.

Cameron Confidential: Lot 46, along with Lot 45, saved what had started off as a terrible day on our last trip 'down under'.

The first few days of our trip were a real disappointment. After several stops, Jay and I had not found a single wine worth putting in the line. We were hot, tired and frustrated.

Towards the end of the day I decided to follow up on a suggestion of a friend of a friend and visit a small winery in the Hunter Valley.

The transition from the scorching heat to a cool cellar was just the first indication things were about to get better. In walked the wine-maker, an ex-rugby player, and his dog. We walked around his cellar and talked about the types and style of wine we were looking for and ended up blending right on the spot. Jay and I both loved these wines right off the bat and I think you will too. They have all the hallmarks of good Australian wine: supple fruit, good structure and long finish. These wines have all that plus a distinctive bit of character that comes from the unique and special blends we put together.

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