

CAMERON HUGHES

# Lot 46 Hunter Valley Shiraz

*Hunter Valley, Australia*

**Vintage:** 2005

**Appellation:** Hunter Valley, Australia

**Grape:** 95% Shiraz, 5% Viognier

**Alcohol by volume:** 14.5%

**Production:** 2,000 cases

**Availability:** January 2008

**Taste:** Dark spice nose of coffee and clove. This wine has a broad mid-palate of bright fruit and dark berry. Then the Viognier kicks in and brightens and lifts the palate carrying the wine to a long finish with blueberry and chocolate notes.

**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. I walked the winemaker, 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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