Jim Barry

The Jim Barry Single Vineyard Shiraz is a refined Shiraz that embodies the elegance and restraint of Clare Valley's cool-climate sites, offering an alluring expression of dark berry and spice.

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Alcohol :13,90 %

Composition: 100% Syrah

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Clare Valley, Australia

Region and Vineyards

This Shiraz comes from the **Watervale sub-region** in the **Clare Valley**, a distinguished area in **South Australia** celebrated for producing some of the country's finest Riesling and Shiraz wines. The Clare Valley, known for its picturesque rolling hills and **Mediterranean climate**, provides an ideal setting for premium winemaking. The region's combination of **cool nights and warm days** enhances the fruit's concentration while retaining freshness, a hallmark of Clare Valley's terroir.

The **Watervale vineyard**, where this Shiraz is grown, is meticulously tended by the Barry family, who have cultivated a diverse collection of vineyards across Clare Valley over the last 55 years. Each vineyard is chosen for its unique site, soil, and aspect, and this careful vineyard selection is evident in the single-vineyard wines they produce. The Watervale site, in particular, benefits from cool-site characteristics that lend elegance and structure to the Shiraz grown there.

Winemaking

This **100% Shiraz** is harvested at optimal ripeness from Jim Barry's estate vineyards in Watervale. The wine undergoes maturation in **both French and American oak barrels**, which adds complexity and integrates beautifully with the fruit. The focus in winemaking is to capture the purity of the vineyard's fruit, with a restrained approach that lets the terroir's influence shine through. This Shiraz was crafted by **Tom Barry and Ben Marx** with an eye to achieving balance and longevity, producing a wine that will age gracefully over the coming decades.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep red hue.
- **Aroma**: Aromas of dark berry compote, fresh blackberries, and subtle bramble, reflecting a purity of fruit.
- **Palate**: Juicy and bright on the entry, with notes of dark fruits and a touch of spice. The wine has a well-rounded tannin profile and a vibrant acid line that balances the brooding dark fruit flavors.

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Did you know?

Jim Barry Wines holds a significant place in **Clare Valley's winemaking history**. Established over half a century ago, the winery has been instrumental in shaping the region's reputation for premium Shiraz and Riesling. The Clare Valley itself has a long winemaking heritage dating back to **1851** and is considered one of Australia's premier wine regions, accounting for less than 1.5% of the country's total wine production yet recognized worldwide for its quality.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Slow-Roasted Lamb Shoulder**: The dark fruit and spice of the Shiraz complement the richness of the lamb and its herbs.
- **Mushroom Risotto**: Earthy mushrooms bring out the wine's depth, while the creaminess pairs well with its acidity.
- **Beef Tenderloin with Peppercorn Sauce**: The bold flavors of the beef and peppercorn sauce find harmony with the wine's tannins and spice notes.
- **Aged Cheddar or Comté**: The wine's richness and dark fruit profile balance the sharp, nutty flavors of aged cheeses.