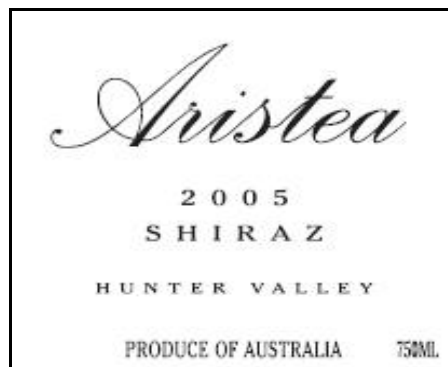




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Tasting Note

2005 'Aristea' Shiraz



**Aristea** : 100% Shiraz

Vineyard : The most concentrated parcel of shiraz fruit in 2005 came from the 42 year old dry grown shiraz vines planted in ancient weathered red basalt in the heart of Pokolbin. The paltry yield averaged just below one tonne per acre.

Vinification and maturation : After a week of cold settling fermentation was completed in a single two tonne open top fermentation vessel. The pressed wine was transferred to new American (4 year old air dried oak French coopered) Oak hogsheads for maturation over 16 months with racking every 90 days. Bottled in July 2006.

The Wine : The most concentrated and best balanced Aristea so far. Dry landed grown vines on a superb site, plus the outstanding vintage conditions of 2005, have made it possible to produce a wine of power and weight which demonstrates the heights shiraz can achieve in the lower Hunter. Rich ripe sweet blackberry fruit has been moulded with seamless oak into a wine with the acidity and tannins to develop great complexity in bottle over many years; possibly two decades or more under appropriate cellaring conditions.

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