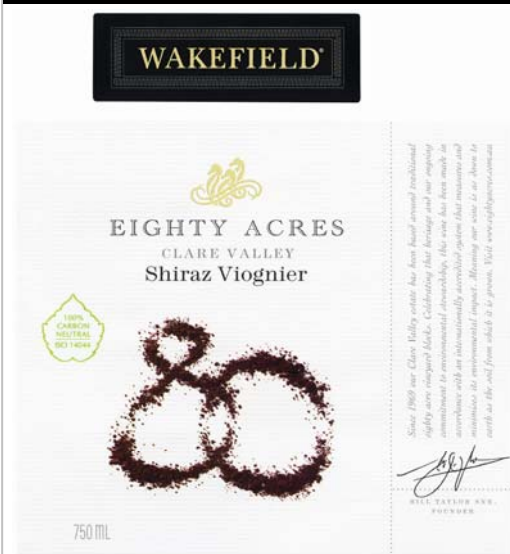




## Eighty Acres Shiraz Viognier 2007



<b>REGION</b>	Clare Valley
<b>COUNTRY</b>	Australia
<b>VARIETAL</b>	Shiraz (94%) Viognier (6%)
<b>PACKAGING</b>	6 x 750ml bottles
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	14.9 % v/v
<b>PH</b>	3.62
<b>ACID</b>	6.07 g/l

### DESCRIPTION

Eighty Acres is a range of wines that is refreshingly down to earth. In South Australia the best land for grape growing was originally sold in eighty acre blocks. In 1969 our grandfather Bill Taylor planted our first eighty acres of vines in some of the best terra rossa soil in the Clare Valley and named the block "Eighty Acres". The soil from the block features on the front label.

The 2007 vintage conditions were tough due to frosts and then drought affecting the vineyards, however, Shiraz is an early ripener and so fortunately was unaffected.

The fruit for this wine was picked at night and early in the morning to retain the fresh varietal flavours. Harvest commenced in late February and was completed by late March.

The berries were destemmed and then the must was pressed out to a mix of Vinimatic and static fermenters. A warm, controlled co-fermentation (Shiraz and Viognier), was carried out using select yeast strains that highlighted different varietal characteristics. Afterwards, the wine was filled to American oak barrels for malolactic fermentation. Post MLF, the wines are blended and fined – minimal filtration is utilized prior to bottling.

### WINE COLOUR

On release, the wine is a medium deep red with purple hues.

### WINE BOUQUET

This wine has an intense aroma of lifted spice and dark blood plums along with subtle apricot character. Underlying aromas of vanilla, and cherry's dipped in dark chocolate add to the complexity of the aroma.

### WINE PALATE

The wine is medium bodied and quite juicy in texture. It has a delicacy and displays sweet, concentrated fruit flavours of juicy plums and blackberry, along with subtle spicy apricot. This is a well integrated and balanced wine with an enjoyable persistence to the finish.

### CRITICS NOTES

This wine is yet to be reviewed.

### AWARDS TO DATE

- 2009 Royal Hobart Wine Show ~ Class 62 ~ GOLD Medal
- 2009 International Wine & Spirit Competition ~ Best in Class ~ Silver Medal
- 2009 Royal Adelaide Wine Show ~ Class 23 ~ Bronze Medal
- 2009 Royal Melbourne Wine Show ~ Class 45 ~ Bronze Medal

### CELLARING NOTES

The wine is crafted for immediate enjoyment but will also cellar in ideal conditions up to 2011.