

LONG FLAT



SHIRAZ VIOGNIER

2008

We all know about shiraz, but the viognier bit? It's a white grape variety traditionally used in France to make shiraz more aromatic.

It works well here,

Alpha Magazine, Ben Canaider
March 01, 2010



SHIRAZ VIOGNIER 2008 PINOT GRIGIO 2008

The 2008 Pinot Grigio and the 2008 Shiraz Viognier are the newest for Long Flat. They are the first wines to be made under the watchful eye of Shane Virgo. The grapes for both wines were sourced from Australia's great vineyard sites.

The Pinot Grigio has aromas of tropical fruit, green apples and has a honey undertone. The Shiraz Viognier shows hints of spice, they are made to drink young.

Wine Watch, Liquor Watch, December 2009

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Drink Me!

When it was launched in 1966, Long Flat came in the dual no-nonsense styles of Red and White. It has moved with the time, and the two varieties have grown to 10. It's still here, still a good drop and still a bargain. This shiraz viognier is a nicely balanced wine with ripe, intense fruit. Easily worth the money, as is its pinot grigio sister.

Michelle Reedy, Who Weekly, Who Food
October 26, 2009

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SHIRAZ VIOGNIER 2008

Aren't we blessed when we can buy stuff like this for \$10?
Geez you could buy 10 cases or hmmm..... 2 bottles of Grange. But would they last as long? Hell no, you'd drink them.

Rating: 8 / 10

Max Crus, Border Mail, Wine Down
October 9, 2009

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Long Flat wines have been a favourite on Australian dinner tables for more than 43 years. Sourcing grapes from some of Australia's great vineyard sites has enabled Long Flat to establish a reputation for consistent quality wines with their own characteristics. To achieve this reputation, it has the support of a dedicated winemaking team now led by the talented Shane Virgo. With 25 years at the prestigious Petaluma winery, he comes highly qualified. His commitment to deliver the same trusted quality whilst renewing and improving their individual characters is shown in the first wine just released; Long Flat Shiraz Viognier. This is a blend of 92% Shiraz with 8% Viognier. Shane comments: "As you would expect, the Viognier adds texture and gives an aromatic lift to the wine, with the Shiraz responsible for dense blackberry fruit. We aimed to create a wonderfully balanced wine and for the concentration and flavour to punch well above its weight."

Byron Shire News, on the grapevine
Charles Conlan, October 1, 2009

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Long Flat was once one of Australia's leading brands. It probably still is, though it doesn't seem to have the profile that it once did. It's made by Cheviot Bridge. Judging by this wine, the quality is still there.

Attractive cherry-cola and mulberry flavours with some bay leaf-like complexity thrown in. It has the softness and the ripeness to satisfy. At this price level it's a very handy drink. There's even a bit of grip on the finish, which I always like to see.

Rating: 87 Points

Campbell Mattinson, www.winefront.com.au
September 24, 2009

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The Long Flat name usually guarantees wine of distinction and quality at a very reasonable price. Once an everyday label from Tyrrell's Hunter Valley winery, these days it is based in Victoria, but grape sources are spread throughout the country. Consistent, easy drinking is the aim, and this blend of 92 per cent shiraz and 8 per cent viognier delivers. It opens with the smooth complexity of plum, spice, liquorice and earthy aromas. There's plenty of interest on the nose, and the meaty, intense palate doesn't disappoint, with good texture and concentration, and attractively soft tannins at the end. A modern, savoury style, but still ripe and satisfying. A great buy for everyday sipping.

Ageing? No.

Food ideas Pizza; lamb cutlets, barbecued sausages and steak.

Rating: ★★★★★ \$\$\$

Ralph Kyte-Powell, The Age - Epicure
Wine of the week, September 15, 2009

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This red continues the pattern of easy, reasonably priced drinking. The wine is brick red and has mocha coffee scents. Lively blood plum flavour shows on the front of the palate and anise, herb and candied cherry fruit characters meld with the savoury oak. Smooth minty tannins show at the finish.

It would be good with pizza, beef lasagne or barbecued sausages and steak.

Quality: 

John Lewis, Newcastle Herald, Good Taste
December 17, 2008

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