



DECADE OF DARKIE SHIRAZ DINNER

liebichwein barrel shed, friday 19 june 2009

**single vineyard wine sourced from our 40 acre block not far from the shed,
planted by Clarence Walter "Darkie" Liebich 40 years ago**

96 -

classic barossa style from an excellent season with great fruit weight, slightly stewed flavours and a peppery finish. a top quality example out of the decade.

97 -

mellow wood nose with slightly higher volatile aromas masking the fruit. it's still a rich and intense wine with the warmth and flavour that only the Barossa can achieve.

98 -

superb quality red wine due to a cooler, dry growing season. showing excellent complexity with fruitcake spice, hints of black olive and subtle oak. another classic!

99 -

a relatively cooler year produced a wine with everything you'd expect for barossa shiraz! fantastic complexity with fruitcake spice, smoky oak and lovely pepper hints.

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a much hotter and drier season resulting in lighter bodied style with moderate fruit weight. ripe, stewed fruit flavours nicely balanced with subtle oak and chewy tannins.

01 -

rich and fuller bodied with magnificent mouth feel. tight tannins grip well but are nicely balanced with woody notes and fruit sweetness. an exceptional vintage!

02 -

palate is fine and silky with magnificent acidity. Tight tannins grip well but are nicely balanced with the oak and fruit sweetness.

03 -

a warm season resulting in richer, riper and fuller body. the lingering sweet fruity palate is perfectly integrated with the oak and high alcohol levels.

04 -

delicious complex nose with delicate hints of mint and, floral all counter-balanced with extremely well integrated, velvety tannins aged for 2 years in barrel. a real favourite!

05 -

warmer and drier than '04, full of mulberry and plum aromas with powerful youthful tannins, well balanced with a warm finish and persistent stewed fruit flavours.