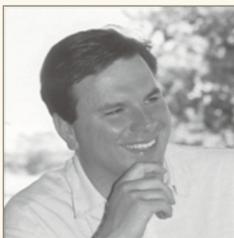


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2008 SHOOFLY CHOOK RAFFLE CHARDONNAY

WINEMAKER: Ben Riggs
REGION: Adelaide Hills, South Australia
VARIETALS: Chardonnay
MATURATION: Stainless steel fermented with 10% older French oak
ALCOHOL: 14% alc/vol

WINEMAKING:

The fruit for the Chook Raffle Chardonnay is sourced from Australia's premier cool-climate wine region, Adelaide Hills. Situated in the Mount Lofty Ranges at an altitude of 2300 feet, this region is ideally suited for crisp Chardonnay. Shoofly's Chook Raffle Chardonnay is made in a fresh, crisp style that is perfect for early drinking. A small portion of the wine was matured in older French oak to add complexity, aromatics and texture.

TASTING NOTES:

The famous Aussie "Chook Raffle" is the weekly fundraising raffle where for a buck, you might win a frozen chook (chicken) or just about anything the organizer can scrounge up! Shoofly's Adelaide Hills Chardonnay is crafted with a touch more care, using carefully ripened fruit with just a touch of oak and a dash of Riesling and Verdelho to give bright, juicy flavors reminiscent of grapefruit and melon. On the nose, this zippy Chardonnay offers aromas of tropical fruit, peaches and melon while on the palate; grapefruit and lemon zest are complemented by zingy acidity. This youthful wine is drinking great now and will develop more complexity over the next 3 years.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: : 89 pts Wine Spectator, 88 pts Stephen Tanzer, 88 pts/Editors' Choice Wine Enthusiast, 87 pts Robert Parker

ABOUT SHOOFLY WINES:

Australians are serious about keeping their cool. They may look relaxed as they casually shoo away the incessantly buzzing flies, but the message is clear - nothing's going to get them down! They tend to take life's challenges in stride and simply get on with the job at hand. Like making wines with some oomph and stuffing, the sort you'd just as likely tuck into with your midweek pasta and take to a fancy dinner party on the weekend. That said, they take their winemaking pretty seriously, and it shows with Shoofly's collection of robust, full-of-flavor wines. Crafted from hand-selected vineyard sites that are rich in character and demonstrate true varietal pedigree, these are wines that show Australia at its best.



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