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## Schutz Barossa Putting our name to Red Nectar



Welcome to the first edition of the *Schutz Barossa* newsletter. As I mentioned in the last edition of the *Red Nectar* newsletter, my husband Stuart and I, felt that in order to show our loyalty and commitment to our wine brand, we would put our name to it, hence the name *Schutz Barossa*. I began *Red Nectar* when I was only 19 and have in recent years married Stuart, also a vigneron.

*Schutz Barossa* is now an expression of our union and the passion we share. The *Red Nectar* name will carry on in Australia, for the two wines from my vineyard, it will simply be known as *Schutz Barossa: Red Nectar*. We have designed a completely new label for USA called *Schutz Barossa: Two of a Kind*. Over the past year, we have been working closely with our designer to produce a package, which truly represents who we are and what we stand for. We hope you like it as much as we do!

**The Logo:** young female vignerons are virtually unheard of, so this emphasis is clear in the logo with the female profile. The vineyard is our focus, represented by the vine leaf and the tendrils. The negative space then forms an “S” for Schutz.

**Capsule colours:** when approaching winegrowing, we look at matters a little left of centre and focus on holistic management with an environmental conscience. Our capsule colour ochre is also a little different and represents the colour of the clay in our soils as well as a distinctive Australian colour, internationally – think Uluru, sunsets, the outback...

**The Story:** *Two of a Kind* – This range is inspired by our two new loves – twin sons, Oscar and Maxwell. The drummer boy card on the Shiraz label is a nod to Maxwell’s newly acquired acoustic skills, as well as his Dad’s musical talents. The playful fifer on the Cabernet label is a nod to my maiden name, *Pfeiffer* and Oscar’s growing vocabulary, not to mention his ability to draw a hoard of admirers! *Schutz Barossa* represents the coming together of two Barossa Winegrowing families. Myself, a sixth generation vigneron, together with my husband Stuart, also a vigneron, continue the strong traditions set before us. Each generation passes on its craft to the next. Believing the best wines are made in the vineyard, we have honed these skills to produce grapes with the classic richness of the western Barossa.

## Vintage 2008

Well we survived vintage yet again! It seemed to be especially chaotic this year with the record heat wave of 15 days over 35°C. It was also the driest summer in 22 years!



Ripening conditions prior to this heat wave were perfect, with warm days and cool nights. Thankfully, all of our Shiraz was safely in the Kalleske Winery at Greenock before the heat wave set in. My cousin Troy Kalleske is still at the winemaking helm and has high hopes for the challenging 2008 vintage. After the heat subsided, we gave the Cabernet some time to recover and then harvested the fruit in the cool of the night to preserve the precious flavours. Overall it looks like being an exceptional year for white varieties and Shiraz and to a lesser extent the fruit which was picked after the heat including Cabernet and Grenache.

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## 2006 Two of a Kind Release

The 2006 wines were bottled in March under screw cap. We feel that the consumer is now fully educated on the advantages of screw cap. With only 600 cases total production, there is not enough to go around! In the past year, our markets in Malaysia and Japan have continued to grow. Our wines were shown to more than 40000 people in April at the bi-annual event "Food & Hotel Asia". Markets are also growing in France and Denmark. There is even a fine dining restaurant in Paris, which serves Red Nectar! The first release of our old vine Shiraz wine will take place late in 2008.



### Two of a Kind Shiraz 06

**Vintage:** 2006

**Region:** Barossa Valley, South Australia

**Vignerons:** Tammy Schutz

**Winemaker:** Troy Kalleske

**Oak Treatment:** 24 months in hogsheads, 20% new American, 80% old American

**Alc/Vol:** 15.0%

**Soil Type:** Red-brown earth over red clay with a porous limestone layer, covering shale base rock.

#### Tasting Notes:

The wine is dark red in colour. On the nose there are lifted florals and aromas of preserved plums, cherries, chocolate, fresh biscuits, jam and fruit cake. The palate is full-bodied and displays very fine tannins. Chewy sweet fruit and

Christmas pudding flavours are supported by good oak integration. The fruit driven palate is well balanced with a solid structure. A dry lingering finish completes a classic Barossa Shiraz.

### Two of a Kind Cabernet Sauvignon 06

**Vintage:** 2006

**Region:** Barossa Valley, South Australia

**Vignerons:** Tammy Schutz

**Winemaker:** Troy Kalleske

**Oak Treatment:** 24 months in hogsheads, 20% new French, 80% old French

**Alc/Vol:** 15.0%

**Soil Type:** Red-brown earth over red clay with a porous limestone layer, covering shale base rock.

#### Tasting Notes:

The wine is dark red in colour. The nose is ripe with classic varietal Cabernet characters of lifted juicy fruits, violets and tobacco. The palate is full-bodied and mouth-filling with swish tannins. Flavours of blackberry and dark chocolate are supported with subtle toasty oak. The wine is lengthy to finish: a classically beautiful Cabernet wine.

## Schutz Barossa supports childhood cancer research

We feel very blessed with the success of our wine brand and have endeavored to give back some of those blessing to the community through donations to organizations including *The Salvation Army* and *Lutheran Community Care*.

Our latest involvement includes supporting the *Childhood Cancer Association*. As an initiative of the *Seppeltsfield Road Business Alliance*, we were joined by other wine companies and businesses in the inaugural *Discover Seppeltsfield Road Day* on 17 May at *Whistler Wines* on Seppeltsfield Road. Children joined in the free games and had their faces painted, while adults sat back and enjoyed the sounds of 6 different bands with a glass of wine.

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