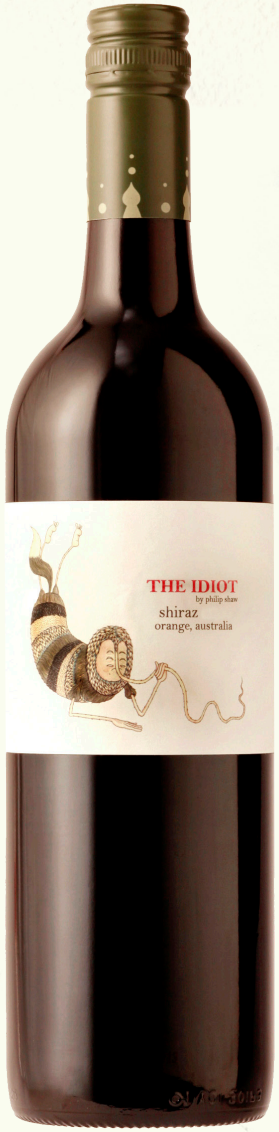

The Idiot Shiraz 2011

Shiraz from the Orange region is reminiscent of the wine produced in Northern Rhone, France. The wine displays distinct bright spice with a fine pepper character typical of cooler regions.

Shiraz is planted in blocks 1, 3 & 5 with a mixture of four different clones across the blocks. During the growing season shoot thinning was required to bring the crop to the desired level. Bunches were thinned on blocks 3 & 5. Wet conditions provided a challenge during the autumn harvest period.
During the season the east side of rows were lightly leaf-plucked, this was an important factor in helping achieve a high quality fruit, which was the end result.
Vintage saw a harvest of relatively big berries, still with good flavour. The grapes were harvested in the morning and taken directly to the winery. After destemming the juice was separated (some goes to Pink Billy) and the rest was carefully transferred into the fermenters. We use a combination of closed and open fermenters, to assists with the complexity of style.
Fermentation was complete in 18 – 20 days, then pressed into older French Oak barrels.

Vineyard and winery notes

Variety	100% Shiraz
GI	Koomooloo Vineyard, Orange NSW
Vines Planted	1989 grafted in 2003, 2004 and 2005
pH	3.5
TA	6.7
Alc	13.0%
Barrel ageing	French oak barrels.
Cellaring	Up to 8 years

Tasting notes

Colour	Medium to light red with hints of youthful purple.
Aroma	Spicy, slight liquorice, intense fruit aromas.
Flavour	Bright medium bodied wine. Lively full fruit flavours; some spice integrated with red fruits; lovely soft tannins.