

Campbell Mattinson “The Wine Front”: Reviewed 21.08.2007

Kurtz Family Vineyards Barossa Valley Boundary Row Shiraz 2004

Glycerol, dark-fruited, lightly spiced and 100 percent delicious. Coffee grounds, nutmeg, toast and blackberry, the wine slinking easily across the tongue, smooth and flavoursome. Fine, ripe tannins act as a nice complement. Not a long term wine, but in the medium term it offers easy satisfaction. Drink: 2007-2011. 90 points.

Kurtz Family Vineyards Barossa Valley Boundary Row Grenache Shiraz Mataro 2004

Great bargain. Sweet-flavoured, beautifully-ripened, rich but elegant wine. It captures the spirit of this blend to perfection. It tastes like a mix of red and black berries, but its tannin structure is the key, giving the wine both detail and flavour. That the wine weighs in at 15 percent alcohol is a surprise: it carries its warmth well. Excellent wine. Drink: 2007-2013. 91 points.

Kurtz Family Vineyards Barossa Valley Seven Sleepers 2004

There are seven grape varieties in this lighter-bodied Barossan red (Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Verdot, Shiraz, Grenache, Cabernet Franc, Mataro and Malbec). Drinking it is a bit of a wild ride: farm-floor, leather, bright red fruits and tar. There are also some spicy, dried herb characters - it's not what I'd call a clean wine, but it is a good drink. Fun, interesting, a little short on the finish. Drink: 2007-2009. 85 points.