

# 2009 Two Hands Ares Shiraz 750ml



**Variety:** Shiraz

**Region:** Barossa Valley, South Australia

**Winemaker:** Michael Twelftree

**Bottle size:** 750ml

**Production:** 500 dozen each (750ml)

AWI have managed to secure a tiny parcel of the much fabled Two Hands Ares. Made in tiny quantities and sought after by both collector and investor alike. This is one of the worlds most sought after wines.

This wine represents our **strongest buy recommendation.**

## STEPHEN TANZER'S INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR

Inky violet. Outrageously scented nose combines pungent floral, spice and mineral tones with kirsch, blackcurrant and blueberry aromas. Surprisingly zesty in the mouth, with vibrant red, black and blue fruit flavors sharpened by peppery minerality and sweetened by hints of floral pastille and mocha. There's energy and cut here that reminded me of cabernet more than shiraz. The incisive finish features a dark berry skin tone and a bright jolt of cracked pepper. Can you call it a finish when it doesn't stop? Twelftree says that his goal here was to make a 15-to-20-year wine.

Since the winery opened, Two Hands success has gone from strength to strength with numerous accolades defining the culture of the organisation. Two Hands Wines were listed in the *Wine Spectator* Top 100 for the last five years, The Ares voted one of the 25 Benchmark Wines of Australia. Consistent 90+ reviews from Robert Parker Jnr's *Wine Advocate*, Stephen Tanzer's *International Wine Cellar*, James Halliday's *Wine Companion*, *Wine Spectator* and the UK *Decanter* magazine is further

## Robert Parkers Wine Advocate rated the 2006 Ares Shiraz 97+/100 points and said:

*The opaque purple-colored 2006 Ares is a 100% Shiraz cuvee sourced from Barossa (77%) and McLaren Vale (23%) which received some "200% new oak" treatment. Following a barrel selection of the winery's best Shiraz (not all of which was in new oak), the wine spent its last 12 months of elevage in 100% new French barriques. It offers up a room-filling perfume of toasty oak, pencil lead, vanilla, pepper, sage, plum, and blueberry pie. Opulent and layered on the palate, this extracted, mouth-filling effort has tons of succulent fruit, savory flavors, and a very long, fruit-filled finish. It will reward 6-8 years of cellaring and have a drinking window extending from 2015 to 2031.*

## Previous Robert Parker Jnr. ratings:

2005 95/100

2004 96+/100

2003 98/100

2002 98/100

## Harvey Steinman of The Wine Spectator rated the 2006 96/100 and said:

*Polished and generous. A plush mouthful of cherry, blackberry and creamy spice flavors that linger effortlessly on the long, open-textured finish. There's power in this wine, but it lurks below the glassy, seamless surface, ready to grow and get more complex with aging. Shiraz. Drink now through 2020*

## Vintage report 10/10

*2006 saw some of the greatest growing conditions on record.*

*2007 was a drought year which was bad news for bulk wine growers but premium low yield wines were of superb quality. A fantastic year for Ares.*