

Shiraz revelation from Riverland



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BILL Moularadellis at Kingston Estate has turned a tiny operation at Kingston on Murray in the South Australian Riverland into one of Australia's largest wineries.

He is bigger than Penfolds, Seppelts, Yalumba and probably 10 times the size of the Houghton Wine Company in terms of production volume.

Kingston Estate Shiraz 2008

This is a revelation. It is shows long, deep restrained shiraz fruit.

It is ripe but not "porty".

It has reasonable length and has appealing fruit to the very finish and is still young and reticent.

The shiraz has a lovely finish and after-taste and, without being a superstar, it is great value for money.

It shows no signs of being a mass-produced wine produced from warm irrigation areas.

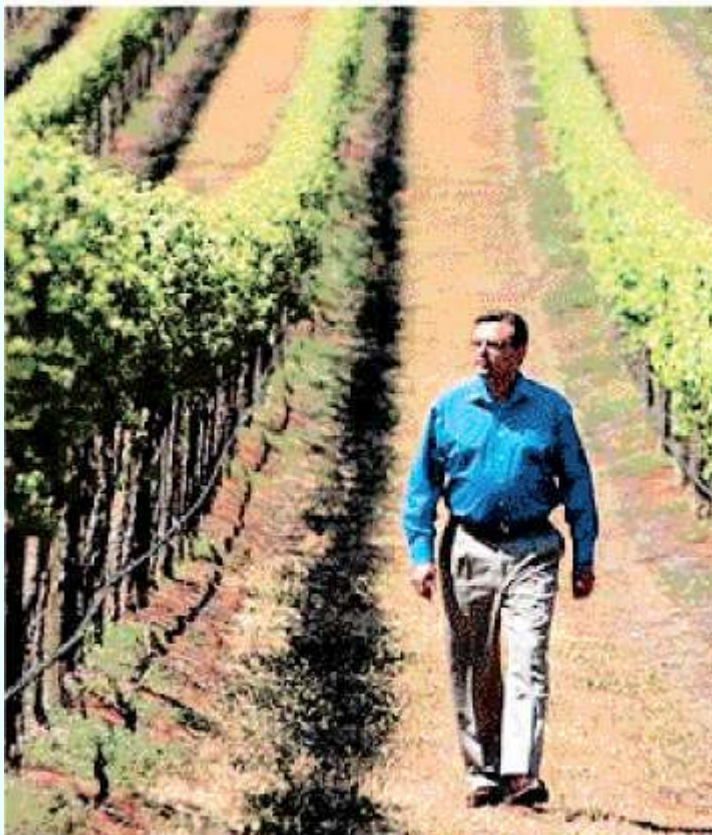
In perspective, most of Australia's boutique vineyards are not matching this for winemaking quality.

They would have to charge much more for it if they were.

It was the value that was attention grabbing.

You will be able to find it for as a low as \$11.95 (perhaps \$10.95?) by the case.

17.8 points and RRP: \$14.60



Kingston Estate's Bill Moularadellis.

Chapel Hill Parsons Nose Shiraz 2008

Chapel Hill's Swiss owners must be thrilled with what they are seeing at their Australian subsidiary since winemaker Michael Fragos arrived in 2005.

(Last year he was named Winemaker of the Year at London's prestigious International Wine and Spirit Competition.)

This is an astonishingly vibrant and intense crimson in colour.

There are enticing,

youthful and high quality varietal Shiraz fruit fragrances on the nose.

It is young, restrained, intense and dense as well as being soft, voluminous, textured and delicious.

The fruit and oak quality are terrific. This shows all that is good about McLaren shiraz at its commercial best

This can be purchased for as low as \$15 in case lots.

18.2pts and \$19 RRP
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