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ross hill pinnacle series shiraz 2009

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Bit of a regime change here in the last two years and the winemaking is really on song thanks to Mornington maestros Phil and Rochelle Kerney who have helped improve the quality, especially in Chardonnay and Pinot, varieties they worked solidly with at Willow Creek. This is from the new Pinnacle Series and this Shiraz had me in mind of the Rhone, not dissimilar to the Printhe wine I tried last week. Certainly the altitude and the soil are contributing to a cool climate style that is rich in pepper and spice.

It's meaty and robust a little bit animalistic, there's a rich vein of minerality and pepper as well as cumin and clove on the nose. Do I detect a fraction of Viognier? It would not surprise me, as it's aromatic and textured but not in an overblown way.

The palate is all about black fruit, glorious richness of texture and some beautifully layered spice before generous tannins and firm acids ensure that this will last. Even better on the second night as it really had time to unveil itself. This wine is well worth tracking down if you want a Shiraz experience that is intriguing and satisfying.

Region: Orange

Alcohol:

Price:\$32

Source: Sample

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