



The Vino Geek review our **Serafino Shiraz 2012**

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After tasting a lot of Italian blends recently, I thought it necessary to review one of the most influential Italian-heritaged winery's in the Australian Market – Serafino.

Located in McLaren Vale, Serafino is an absolute master of consistently producing top quality wines. The Serafino story all started when Serafino Maglieri arrived in Australia, a teenager with only \$20 in his pocket and a love for viticulture. Serafino (Steve) worked with various growers and vineyards in the McLaren Vale region and in 1972 Maglieri Wines was born developing into Serafino in 2000.

The wine I've chosen to review here is one which I really believe shows the direction that Serafino is taking under the guidance of Jimmy Watson award winning winemaker, Charles Whish.

The 2012 Serafino Shiraz is sourced from the vineyards premium blocks, including a parcel from the Sharktooth Block.

This wine wasn't given 95pts by Halliday for no reason. It's beautiful with nice juicy dark fruits lifting from the start, and some really nice undertones of chocolate. The sweetness shines through here and makes it a rich wonderland of beautiful Vino. The wine is a real credit to McLaren Vale with some nicely balanced tannin and a great palate feel.

This is one that I'd highly recommend to anyone, especially if you were keen to cellar a few bottles. Make sure you check out Serafino's other wines as well. They are doing some really great things with their traditional Italian varieties incl. Sangiovese and Fiano.

Nice work Serafino...Bellissimo!

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