

# JIM BARRY

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## 'The Armagh' Shiraz 2008 vintage

The name of 'Armagh' was bestowed by the original Irish settlers who arrived in 1849, and named the lush rolling hills after their homeland.

The vineyard was planted by Jim Barry in 1968 and yields less than two tonnes per acre. The soil is sandy-gravel and receives an average rainfall of 600mm per year. The vineyard lies on a north-west facing slope which acts as a natural sun trap, ensuring the fruit is always fully ripened when picked.

Vintage 2008 was one of the earliest, fastest and most hectic in recent memory. Harvesting started 2-3 weeks earlier than the historical average. The weather gods looked kindly upon Clare during the harvest as the region experienced some of the coolest night time temperatures (9°C) ever recorded during that part of February.

### Winemaking Notes

This wine is deep plum red with purple tints.

It shows the hallmarks of low-yielding vines, with intense, tightly coiled aromas of cranberry, mulberry, milk chocolate, boysenberry and spearmint. It is bright, fresh and balanced with intense yet reserved characters of rosemary, sage, cinnamon, cedar and black pepper.

In the mouth this wine really shows its true colours with solid tannin structure plays an integral role in the overall picture. Flavours of red currants, black cherries and blueberries are in abundance, with an undercurrent of freshly turned earth and truffles in the background. The length of flavour and power in this wine, whilst still showing finesse and restraint, is what sets it at the zenith of red winemaking at Jim Barry Wines.

### Clare Valley, South Australia

Wine has been flowing in the Clare Valley since 1851 and is an integral part of the culture. It is one of Australia's most prestigious premium wine regions famous for its Riesling and Shiraz. A tiny area accounting for less than 1.5% of the total Australian production.

With its beautiful rolling hills, ideal winter rainfall and Mediterranean climate, the Clare Valley carries a unique history and winemaking heritage.

### Specifications

Variety:	100% Shiraz
Vintage:	2008
Region:	Clare Valley, South Australia
Estate Grown:	100%
Harvested:	February 2008
First Release:	Vintage 1985
Oak Treatment:	14 months in French & American oak
Alc/Vol:	14.9%

