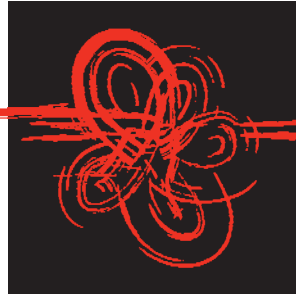


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2008
SHIRAZ



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Producing more than half of all Australian wines, South Australia boasts some of the oldest individual vines in the world. South Australia's vast diversity of geography and climate plays a part in the regions successful production of a wide range of varieties from cool climate Riesling to big, full-bodied Shiraz. Ripened to perfection, these wines are fruit forward and well balanced.

VINTAGE NOTES

Good winter rainfalls, followed by ideal spring and summer conditions, created strong, healthy canopies in balance with the slightly above average yields. The whites ripened early with intense fruit flavours and balanced acidity. Harvesting commenced in mid-February and was completed over the following 10 days. The harvest of reds started with Shiraz in late February, powerful mid-palate fruit was immediately evident. An unprecedented 15 consecutive days of temperatures above 35°C (95°F) began on March 3rd, precipitating the race to bring in the fruit, testing the mettle of men and machinery. This was a vintage of contrast, with the early fruit being outstanding in richness and concentration, whilst the later, heat affected fruit was left to shrivel on the vine. 2008 will be remembered as a unique vintage, that reminds us that on nature's stage we are merely players.

TASTING NOTE

Deep ruby red. Aromas of strawberry, blackberry, cherry and spice lift from the glass, along with nuances of mocha and savoury oak. Satiny smooth tannins envelop the sweet summer berry fruit of the mid-palate, and American and French oak subtly enhance the long finish. A medium - full bodied wine that is dangerously easy to drink.

VINEYARD SOURCE

71% Shingleback Vineyard McLaren Vale
29% Riverland

VARIETY BLEND

100% Shiraz

BOTTLING

pH: 3.55

TA: 6.0 g/L

ALC: 14.0%



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