



## SHIRAZ 2012



### ASSESSMENT

**Colour:** Deep red colour.

**Bouquet:** A classic cool-climate Shiraz nose which shows plum fruit, spice and black pepper characters. There is some subtle complexity and quality French oak characters of char and cedar.

**Palate:** A rich and generous front palate fills the mouth with plum fruits. There is a thread of black pepper running the length of the palate, reminding us of its cool climate origins. The wine has great poise and balance thanks to balanced acidity and firm yet ripe tannins. This also provides power and drive, yet, wonderful restraint. The high quality French oak adds cedary characters and blends really well with the cool climate spice notes. The wine has great length and the flavours linger in the mouth long after the wine has gone.

### FOOD ACCOMPANIMENT

An ideal compliment to red meats and hearty dishes. Will also go well with ripe cheeses at the end of a meal.

### CELLARING POTENTIAL

Will continue to improve and develop complexity with age; cellar for 8 to 10 years

Harvest Date: 26<sup>th</sup> March 2012

Bottling Date: 28<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Alc: 13.5%

pH: 3.55

T.A.: 6.6g/L

Residual sugar: 0g/L