



ANALYSIS

pH 3.45  
Alc. 14.5%  
TA 7.0g/l

## CLARE VALLEY SHIRAZ 2009

### REGION

Clare Valley, South Australia.

### VINEYARD

To create a full bodied style we selected grapes from three distinct sub-regions in Clare; between The Edwards family's Ballingarry vineyard in Armagh to the north-west of the town of Clare, the Tullymore vineyard to the north-east of the town of Clare and the Schobers Road vineyard in Auburn at the southern end of the Clare Valley. The grapes harvested in March in the cool of the night.

### GROWING CONDITIONS

An exceptional vintage offering the opportunity to create full bodied and well balanced wines. During winter and spring we experienced good rainfall and this was followed by optimal weather for ripening over the summer months.

### WINEMAKING

All parcels were picked and fermented separately in open top static fermenters with regular pump overs and drain and returns to maximise the extraction of colour, flavour and tannins from the skins. The resultant wines pressed off and aged on a mix of French and American oak for a period of 10 months. The separate parcels were then blended to achieve a balance of flavours and the best blend that represents Clare Valley Shiraz.

### WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

Our objective when finalising the blend for this wine, was to create a wine that showcases the classic characters of Clare Valley Shiraz. The nose entices with hints of black pepper and blueberry fruits which are complemented by the enticing cedary notes from the oak. The palate shows blackberry and plum fruit flavours with hints of chocolate and spices supported by well integrated oak and elegant tannins.

### RELEASED

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