



# GOLD LABEL

## PINOT NOIR CHARDONNAY

### 2006

TRADITIONAL SPARKLING VARIETIES PINOT NOIR AND CHARDONNAY PROVIDE THE RIGHT BALANCE OF STRAWBERRY AND CITRUS FRUIT, WHILE AN EXTENDED TIME ON LEES HAS ADDED YEASTY COMPLEXITY AND TEXTURE ON THE PALATE.

Separate parcels of fruit were crafted using different winemaking techniques to provide a variety of blending options. Some fruit parcels were handpicked and whole bunch pressed to add elegance, freshness and delicacy to the base wines, others were harvested during the cool of the evening before crushing to add texture and complexity. Extended yeast lees contact of 24 months and 100 % malolactic fermentation has given greater complexity and flavour to this cuvee.



#### WINE SPECIFICATIONS

VINEYARD REGION	<i>Australia - WolfBlass Gold Label Pinot Noir Chardonnay is sourced from premium sparkling wine producing regions across Australia.</i>
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	<i>The emphasis on quality fruit selection ensured that excellent acid levels were obtained - which is necessary for premium sparkling wine. 2006 was a relatively early vintage, with low rainfall and warm weather contributing to early budburst and flowering. Mild to warm weather throughout summer helped the fruit to mature at an even rate, while rains at harvest refreshed ground moisture without creating any disease concerns.</i>
GRAPE VARIETY	<i>Pinot Noir Chardonnay</i>
MATURATION	<i>Extended yeast lees contact of 24 months and 100 % malolactic fermentation has given greater complexity and flavour to this sparkling wine.</i>
WINE ANALYSIS	<i>Alc/Vol: 12.0%</i> <i>Acidity: 6.7g/L</i> <i>pH: 3.07</i>
PEAK DRINKING	<i>Up to three years from its release.</i>

#### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

*Charles Hargrave*

COLOUR	<i>The Gold Label Vintage Sparkling Pinot Noir Chardonnay is a pale straw colour with a delicate and persistent bead.</i>
NOSE	<i>The bouquet offers a complex blend of fine citrus and strawberry fruit, with underlying biscotti characters balanced with yeast lees influence.</i>
PALATE	<i>The palate is elegant and creamy with intense strawberry characters derived from quality Pinot Noir. There is excellent line and length.</i>