WOLF BLASS®

PLATINUM LABEL

SHIRAZ
2008



THE ICON SHIRAZ OF THE PORTFOLIO, PLATINUM LABEL IS A BLEND OF THE FINEST PARCELS OF FRUIT FROM SELECTED BAROSSA VINEYARDS, CRAFTED TO EPITOMISE THE BEST OF VARIETY, VINEYARD AND VINTAGE.

Predominantly sourced from the Wolf Blass Medlands Estate vineyard on the central Barossa Valley floor, celebrated for its intense, fragrant, structural Shiraz. The final blend was enhanced with a small component of fine elegant fruit from the higher altitude, cooler climate Eden Valley foothills.

The fruit was harvested, crushed and fermented in small open fermenters for up to fourteen days to concentrate the middle palate and contribute structure and length. After gentle pressing the wine was matured for 22 months in new French oak barriques.

WINE SPECIFICATIONS

VINEYARD REGION	*Barossa Valley*
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	*The season was set up well with a moderate, dry spring that encouraged steady early season growth. Mild weather and minimal rainfall provided ideal vintage conditions for optimum flavour, structure and concentration in early ripening varieties.*
GRAPE VARIETY	*Shiraz*
MATURATION	*This wine was matured for 22 months in 100% new French oak.*
WINE ANALYSIS	*Alc/Vol: 15.5%* *Acidity: 7.4g/L* *pH: 3.39*
PEAK DRINKING	*Displaying intense fruit in its youth, this wine will soften and mellow with careful cellaring for decades to come.*

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

COLOUR	*Vibrant deep purple.*
NOSE	*Lifted aromas of rich blueberry, blackberry and loganberry fruits, underscored with dark chocolate, warm spices and freshly ground coffee aromas.*
PALATE	*Intense, seamless and velvety, led by concentrated fruit and perfectly balanced spicy oak results in a tremendously complex, fine tannin finish.*