



## PAST VINTAGE CELLARING NOTES SHIRAZ

### 2010

This shiraz was co-fermented with a small volume of Viognier to add lift and perfume to the nose and produce a rounder mouth-feel. Deep red in colour, the nose shows perfumed dark blackberry fruit, interwoven with spice and toasty vanillin notes. The palate is medium bodied with fleshy dark liquorice/berry fruit, spicy notes and a soft grippy tannin finish.

Hold.

### 2009

Deep red in colour, the nose shows perfumed dark blackberry fruit, interwoven with spice and toasty vanillin notes. The palate is medium bodied with fleshy dark liquorice/berry fruit, pepper notes and a firm chewy tannin finish.

Hold.

### 2008

Deep red, red hue. Complex nose of red and black berries and black pepper, combined with integrated French vanillin oak notes. The palate is medium bodied in the Coonawarra style with dark blackberry fruit and complex chocolate and vanilla flavours from the oak, with a fine-grained tannin finish. Ripe berry fruit reflecting the warmer 2008 vintage combined with a touch of Viognier to add aromatics and flesh.

Hold.

### 2006

The 2006 Shiraz is dark crimson in colour, with intense perfumed blackberry fruit and subtle white pepper aromas. The palate is tight and lean with complex fruit, oak flavours and a firm finish. It will improve and soften with cellaring and open up with decanting before drinking. This wine is just starting to settle down and show some more complex fruit cake characters.

Drink or Hold.

### 2005

The 2005 Shiraz is dark crimson in colour, with intense perfumed blackberry fruit and fine black pepper notes. Dargaud and Jaegle "Les Bertranges" oak adding sweet vanillin element to the nose. The palate is full and soft with balanced fruit and tannins. This is a very rich Balnaves shiraz.

Drink or Hold.

### 2004

The 2004 Balnaves Shiraz is a deep red colour. It has a big nose intense dark berry fruit blackberries and blackberry liqueur characters with pepper and vanillin French oak, clean and pure, with a good length and intense pepper finish.

Hold.

### 2002

The 2002 Balnaves Shiraz is deep red in colour with a red hint. It has a lifted nose of bright blackberry and cassis with hints of black pepper, mint, liquorice and soft sweet vanillin oak. It is very

complex with big, sweet palate, rich and round with spice and black pepper. Great fresh fruit and concentration.

Drink now and will hold.

### **2001**

The 2001 Balnaves Shiraz is deep red in colour with a purple tint. Lifted notes of sweet fruit, vanilla, liquorice, black pepper and mint. The palate is full and sweet with black fruit, hints of liquorice and pepper. It is well balanced with a build up to a long peppery finish. Very Good. Will age well.

Hold.

### **1999**

The 1999 Balnaves Shiraz is deep red in colour with red tinges. The nose has lifted sweet creamy black fruit, black pepper and spice that are integrated with vanillan oak and a touch char. The palate is rich, full and soft with spicy, peppery hints combined with complex vanilla fruitcake flavours. The wine has good depth and a rich feel with a long lasting peppery finish.

Excellent drinking now but will hold well very good balance.

### **1998**

The 1998 Balnaves Shiraz is mid - deep red in colour with a red tint. The nose is big with super ripe jammy fruit and complex flavours of leather, spice and a slight barnyard note with almost no black pepper characteristics. The palate is sweet and ripe with hints of the Barossa's softer Shiraz style. The wine has a firm tannin structure combined with grilled nuts while still remaining sweet in style we felt this wine was developing faster than vintages either side of 1998 possibly due to the hot weather conditions, however, looks solid in this tasting.

Drink now and will hold.

### **1997**

The 1997 Balnaves Shiraz is mid red in colour with a red tint. It has a complex nose mature with some jammy tarry notes and dark fruit some mint/eucalypt notes. The palate is solid with bright sweet berry fruit combined with some grippy tannin on the finish. Just lacking a bit of weight compared to other vintages, typical of the season, pepper showing through on finish.

Drinking now.

### **1996**

The Balnaves 1996 Shiraz is mid in colour. It has a complex nose of black pepper, red berry fruit and fruit-cake which combines beautifully with tarry notes and a hint of coal, bitumen. The palate is sweet and complex with leather, spice, pepper and black berry fruit. The wine is holding well with some bottle age characters developing leaving a clean and balanced finish on the palate.

Excellent drinking now.

### **1993**

The 1993 Balnaves Shiraz is light red with hints of brown/red brick. It has flavours of fully developed fruit and faded oak with hints of soy and Worcester sauce characters. The Palate is soft and delicate while still remaining firm.

Past its best.

### **1991**

The 1991 Balnaves Shiraz is mid - light red in colour with brick tinges. Its nose is of mature aged Shiraz with black pepper and sweet earthy notes combined with charry oak and soy sauce. Its palate is soft and full and complex sweet earth, bitumen and jammy fruit.

Fully mature - Drink up now