

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Benchmark by Grant Burge, is the epitome of a great wine from South Australia. The name sets the high standard of quality, style and taste of the wine, which others strive to attain.

Grant selects only the best parcels of grapes to make this premium, fruit-driven wine with excellent balance, which can be enjoyed without years of cellaring and offers excellent value, quality and consistency.

## THE FRUIT

An excellent growing season allowed maximum development of varietal Shiraz characters and concentration of flavours. The fruit was harvested from growers in the Barossa, and the remainder from respected premium growers in South Australia's Riverland.

## THE WINEMAKING

The fruit was crushed and de-stemmed, before fermentation could begin in stainless steel tanks for seven days. The wine was pumped over three times a day and free run and pressings were combined for added colour and structure.

The wine was matured in a combination of American and French oak for 9 months before blending and bottling.

## (2007 Benchmark Shiraz)

*The 2007 Benchmark Shiraz is red with vibrant, youthful purple hues. An alluring complex nose with lifted aromas of raspberry with a hint of oak.*

*Ripe plums, red berry fruits and spice is complimented by vanilla and subtle musk. The palate is round and fleshy with soft tannins and a long elegant finish.*

*This delicious Shiraz is ideal for every day drinking and is an excellent companion to roasted meats, lamb curry or hearty Italian dishes.*

