

### **THE FRUIT**

The blending of Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon is a well known Australian tradition, and Grant has taken this style to the next step by making a serious, slightly drier wine of great complexity and fruit integration, which deserves a name of great significance. The blend is 55% Shiraz and 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, and fruit is from Grant's vineyards in the Barossa and Corryton Park in Eden Valley.

### **THE WINEMAKING**

The fruit was crushed and fermented in stainless steel for seven days, and as the Cabernet Sauvignon was mainly from the cooler climate of Corryton Park, it was left on skins for a further 30 days for greater fruit flavour and intensity. The wine was matured in French oak, 40% new, 40% one year-old and the balance in two and three year-old hogsheads for 18 months.

## (2003 *Nebuchadnezzar* **SHIRAZ CABERNET** **SAUVIGNON**)

*This wine is a drier, more austere style, showing a deep red colour with a complex nose of stewed fruit, prunes, spices and ripe raspberries. The fruit flavours carry over to the palate which is big and intense with plenty of flavour and a big mouth-feel. The fruit and oak integration is well developed, giving an intensity to the palate and a long finish with fine tannins.*

