

# 2009

# The Signature

## Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz

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Despite the heat of late January, the Barossa region produced some excellent aromatic parcels of Cabernet Sauvignon, just the perfect style for The Signature. The Schrapel vineyard in the Krondorf foothills and the Brooks vineyard on the western edges near Gomersal were the leading examples and comprise the majority of Barossa Valley Cabernet in the blend. The Eden Valley Cabernet Sauvignon was mainly sourced from the Miles vineyard at Craneford and also from the Koch vineyard in the north near Moculta. These components all provide the rich lifted Cabernet Sauvignon aromatics and structure that The Signature is famous for.

The grapes were hand-picked and crushed to our eight tonne open top stainless steel fermenters. The natural, or wild yeasts present on the grape skins were allowed to initiate the sugar fermentation. Cultured winery yeasts were then added to complete this fermentation.

The aroma opens with the classic 'Signature' aromatics of red currants, leafy notes, cedar and spices all supported with fine violet and cherry florals. The mouth-feel is full-bodied, long and persistent tannins and shows great concentration yet elegance. This wine has long term aging potential.

Matured for 20 months in 35% new French barriques and Hungarian, American and French hogsheads, 42% two year old French barriques and 23% three year old Hungarian and American hogsheads and French barriques

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Harvested — Feb & Mar 2009

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Total Acid — 7g/L

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