

# DE BORTOLI

## YARRA VALLEY

### RESERVE RELEASE

#### PINOT NOIR 2005

"This is De Bortoli's top label and it's a cracker of a pinot noir - complex and enticing with its heady earthy-truffle character and damp forest floor notes matched to silky tannins. A deceptive wine, elegant but not a wimp. It keeps opening up, offering more with every mouthful."

**Jane Faulkner, The Age Epicure Wine Style, 28 November 2007**

"... At the top is the Yarra Valley Reserve, a complex wine with Valley pinot hallmark features: sweet succulent fruit, medium-bodied, fine tannins, soft silky texture. Some years you'll see a more edgy savouriness."

**Sydney Morning Herald, 24 November 2007**

#### 95 points

"Full of interest with cherry and wood and earth and forest all playing in the beginning with some coffee notes and even a sense of meat and vegetable stock adding complexity to sharper fruits and fresh flavours with a lovely minerality and texture to complete a surprising wine."

**Adelaide Advertiser, 21 November 2007**

#### CHARDONNAY 2005

#### ★★★★★

"This is a very taut, subtle, reserved chardonnay style with plenty of lees batonnage character but no apparent malo effect. Some roast chicken oak/lees derived character. Nicely reserved, and has good penetration and length."

**Huon Hooke, Australian Gourmet Traveller Wine, October/November 2007**

#### SYRAH 2005

"[I] loved it for its fragrant cinnamon and candied red fruit... Although the oak was assertive, it was just tucked in enough not to suppress the wine's vibrant palate. The tannins are sturdy yet supple, with a sweetness of fruit that runs through the middle."

**Nick Stock, Australian Gourmet Traveller Wine, December 2007/January 2008**

