



dB Selection

dB Selection varietal wines are made at the De Bortoli Bilbul Winery where more than 75 years ago Vittorio De Bortoli established the family company, crushing 15 tonnes of Shiraz in his first vintage. Carefully selected fruit is harvested at optimum maturity to produce wines with true varietal expression.

Chardonnay, Semillon Chardonnay, Colombard Chardonnay, Verdelho, Traminer Rielsing, Shiraz, Merlot, Cabernet Merlot, Shiraz Cabernet, Petite Sirah, Rosé, Sparkling Brut



MERLOT 2008

Region

King Valley, Yarra Valley & Heathcote VIC

Appearance

Purple hues

Bouquet

Lifted savoury, spiced and cherry fruit with background toasty oak

Palate

The palate is rich and generous with cherry fruit flavours with subtle oak, firm tannins and persistent length.

Vintage Conditions

Warmer than usual January nights lead to some varieties reaching maturity earlier than previous years. Late '07 rains & showers in January ensured vines in good health. A cooler February than usual allowed for good fruit development and varietal expression.

Winemaking

Fruit was selected by the winemaker and picked when both flavour and Baumé were optimum. Fermentation was on average for 7 days on skins at 22°C - 25°C with 100% malolactic fermentation.

Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol : 14.5% pH : 3.55 TA : 6.65 g/L

Cellaring

Enjoy now or cellar for up to 5 years

Suggested Cuisine

Try with lightly seasoned red meat dishes

General Characteristics

● Dry / Sweet ●●● Body

KEY	● Dry ●● Medium Dry ●●● Medium Sweet ●●●● Sweet
	● Light Bodied ●● Medium Bodied ●●● Full Bodied