



## 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*

## SHIRAZ CABERNET 2008

### Region

Riverina

### Appearance

Vibrant purple, deep crimson

### Bouquet

Lifted blackberry and spice

### Palate

Fresh fruit, berry and toasty vanillan oak. Soft round tannins with good 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 parcels selected to suit style in vineyard. Plum and spice flavours in vineyards a determining factor. Warm fermentation temperatures and gentle colour tannin extraction used to create a soft wine style. Full malolactic fermentation. 3-4 months on French and American oak.

### Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol : 14.0 % pH : 3.51 TA : 6.35 g/L

### Cellaring

Enjoyable now or cellar for up to 2 years

### Suggested Cuisine

Enjoy with duck or rabbit dishes

### General Characteristics

I Dry / Sweet II Body

KEY	I Dry	II Medium Dry	III Medium Sweet	IV Sweet
	I Light Bodied	II Medium Bodied	III Full Bodied	