



## DEEN DE BORTOLI VAT SERIES

Deen De Bortoli created his Vat Series with the idea of developing a range of delicious, full-flavoured wines at an affordable price. Deen personally selected the blends and chalked the numbers on the vats to identify them. The Vat Series includes traditional varietal wines as well as wines made from interesting, newer varieties to Australia.

*Sauvignon Blanc, Verdelho, Chardonnay, Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Durif (Petite Sirah), Botrytis Semillon*

### VAT 7 Chardonnay 2008



#### Region

Australia

#### Appearance

Pale lemon in colour

#### Bouquet

Lifted nose of peach, nectarine, citrus and melon with rich vanillin oak characters adding complexity.

#### Palate

A medium bodied wine showing stone fruit flavours with a lifted citrus tang and finishing with rich creamy nutty texture.

#### Vintage Conditions

Warmer than usual January nights led to some varieties reaching maturity earlier than previous years. Late '07 Rains and some showers in January ensured the fruit in good condition. With a cooler February than usual, varieties that had not reached maturity in January took longer than expected to ripen. Nearly all white varieties were harvested before the end of February with overall quality being quite good.

#### Winemaking

Fruit was selected from specific vineyards that give the stone fruit characteristics desired for this style of wine. The juice was cold settled then racked to fermentation. Fermentation took place at moderate temperatures to promote fruitiness and fullness of the wine.

A portion of the juice was fermented in American and French oak barrels. Approximately 5% of the wine has undergone a Malolactic fermentation.

#### Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol : 12.5 % pH : 3.26 TA : 6.5 g/L

#### Cellaring

This wine should drink well over the next 2-3 years.

#### Suggested Cuisine

A great match to chicken, seafood and light pasta dishes.

#### General Characteristics

●● Dry / Sweet ●●●● Body

**John Coughlan**  
Winemaker

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