



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 6 *Verdelho* 2009



Region

Riverina

Appearance

Straw in colour

Bouquet

Has an inviting honeysuckle perfume mingled with tropical fruit and a background of nutty oak.

Palate

A fresh vibrant wine with creamy texture, balanced acidity and luscious fruit

Vintage Conditions

The lead up to the 2009 harvest in the Riverina was one of the best on record, with refreshing rains during spring and mild December temperatures. This led to fruit with flavour intensity and acid structure not seen for several years. This all changed at the end of January with an unprecedented heat wave with temperatures above 40° for two weeks, which shut down the ripening process for three weeks. Nevertheless the vintage overall was good to excellent.

Winemaking

All fruit was sourced from estate vineyards. A small percentage of Arneis was added for complexity. The juice was cold settled then racked to fermentation, which occurred at

moderate temperatures to preserve the fresh characters. A portion (19%) of the blend was fermented in four year old French oak barriques and left on lees for eight months.

Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol : 13.5% pH : 3.30 TA : 6.20 g/L

Cellaring

This wine should drink well over the next 3-4 years.

Suggested Cuisine

Enjoy with seafood (excellent with fish & chips) or spicy dishes.

General Characteristics

●● Dry / Sweet ●● Body

John Coughlan
Winemaker

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