



## 2010 SHIRAZ TASTING NOTES

The Deakin Estate vineyard is located in Australia's Mildura region at Red Cliffs where the Murray River brings life to some of the country's most respected wine producing land. Blessed with a warm and sunny climate, this region was first transformed with the help of Alfred Deakin, the former prime minister of Australia, into an "agricultural oasis" in the 1880s. The Deakin Estate property and the wine are named in honor of Alfred Deakin. When it was purchased in 1967, the Deakin Estate vineyard started simply as a grower. In 1980, we added our winery facility, and in 1994 launched our premium wine varietals.

### TASTING NOTES

Deep, vibrant red. Rich blueberries with subtle notes of menthol and black pepper highlighted by some spicy vanillin oak. Rich and juicy with blueberry characters and well-balanced oak. The palate shows good structure with medium tannins and a lingering finish. Enjoy now but may also be cellared up to four years.

### FOOD PAIRINGS

Try an oven baked lasagne or a hearty beef and stout pie, a roasted rack of lamb or an aged sirloin topped with chimichurri sauce.

### WINEMAKING

The wine fermented in sweeping arm Potter fermenters with a pump-over program set for desired colour and tannin extraction. Pressing and Malolactic Fermentation were followed by clarification before the finest parcels were aged in American and French oak barrels. The separate batches were then brought back together to create the lovely resultant blend.

### BLEND

100% Shiraz

### ANALYSIS

Alcohol by Volume: 13.5%

pH: 3.52

Acidity: 6.4 g/L

