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## TASTING NOTES

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### Shiraz Viognier 2008

<b>Details:</b>	<p>A small proportion of Viognier has been added to the Shiraz to lift the nose and add complexity and richness to the palate.</p> <p>Deep purple red in colour, this wine exudes a heady ripeness. The nose is aromatic with spicy blackberry and violets. The palate is rich with blackberry, vanilla, and spice, with a savoury dried herb and fennel seed note on the finish. It is a full, satisfying, almost creamy textured wine that leaves you wanting more.</p>
<b>Food Matches:</b>	Roast pork stuffed with sage and garlic.
<b>Origin:</b>	Heathcote, Victoria.
<b>Blend:</b>	Shiraz 97%, Viognier 3%
<b>Viticulture:</b>	Vines planted in 1999. Vines spur-pruned and vertical shoot positioned to ensure fruit exposure and even ripening. Low yielding to ensure richly flavoured grapes.
<b>Vintage:</b>	A dry spring resulting in low soil moisture levels hence low crops produced in our Heathcote vineyard. Summer started hot and dry with excellent conditions for flowering then ripening of the grapes took place several weeks early. Harvest occurred before a spell of extreme hot weather in mid March.
<b>Winemaking:</b>	Some of the shiraz came from our Block Two, the remainder from block 4 and 5. The grapes were co-fermented in open and static fermenters, pressed and matured in French oak for 10 months (15% new). Racked once, before blending (with some parcels of the Block 2 Shiraz) and ready for bottling.
<b>Bottled:</b>	April 2009
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14%
<b>Ageing Potential:</b>	Enjoy now, or cellar carefully for 2-3 years