

# SMALL STEPS

## SHIRAZ 2007



- Region:** *“South Eastern Australia” is the generic Geographic Indication descriptor encompassing all of the grape growing area of the states of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. In the case of this wine it describes a multi-regional blend from all three states, being from grapes grown in the Swan Hill, Barossa Valley and Hilltops Regions.*
- Season:** *A dry season of very low crops brought about by the drought in Southern Australia which has now entered its sixth year.*
- Fruit Details:** *Variety: 100% Shiraz.  
Fruit Source: A multi-region blend, with ripeness and power from the warm climate Swan Hill component, chocolate/cherry from the Barossa and spice/pepper from the Hilltops cool-climate component  
Harvest Date: March and April 2007.*
- Oenology:** *Machine harvested fruit was fermented in sweep arm closed fermenters following crushing and de-stemming. The wine had some instave treatment. Blended, filtered and bottled in November 2008.*
- Tasting Notes:** *Color: Bright and attractive showing red with a dash of purple.  
Bouquet: Complex, with mixed berries, some chocolate, together with a touch of spice and white pepper. Just a little spicy oak complexes.  
Palate: Very sweet fruit with fine grained tannins persistent; excellent fleshy middle palate and a long soft finish.*
- Food Match:** *This is a serious all round red. It has the acidity to be a perfect accompaniment to all red meat and anything with hearty Italian influence. Or just with a cheese plate.*
- Technical Details** *A/V 14.3°  
TA 5.8 gpl  
SO2 32/85  
PH 3.55  
VA .36  
RS .85*