



RUPERT'S RIDGE

HEATHCOTE

Estate Vineyard & Retreats

2009 RUPERT'S RIDGE SHIRAZ

Tasting notes



REGION

Redesdale is at the southern end of the Heathcote region, 120kms north east of Melbourne. Rupert's Ridge is situated in the low-lying hills of Redesdale at an elevation of 300 metres.



VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Winter around Southern Heathcote was cool with moderate rainfall. The spring months saw some beautiful daytime temperatures and cool nights resulting in a good start to the 2008/09 season. The majority of January was dry, yet mild, until the last few days and into the beginning of February when the weather was extreme with high temperatures and bush fires effected fruit quality. As a result, grapes were sourced from Barfold Estate for this wine.

WINE MAKING

100% de-stemmed and fermented in small open vats with natural yeast. Hand plunged gently for colour extraction. On lees for 3 weeks, then gently membrane pressed and racked to oak after settling. Barrel maturation was conducted in quality French oak for 18 months.

WINE ANALYSIS

The deep rich colour of this wine indicates its intensity. The nose is full of ripe plum and dark cherries with a hint of white pepper. The flavours carry onto the palate, which is full of big soft fruit, but balanced by an elegant oak structure, resulting in a rich wine.

NO. CASES PRODUCED 120 (6 PACKS)

Alc/Vol: 13.0%

pH: 3.53 pH

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