

## BROWN BROTHERS MILAWA VINEYARD

### Tasting Note

#### 2008 Limited Release Heathcote Shiraz

Release date - 1 March 2010

#### The wine

This Limited Release Heathcote Shiraz boasts a deep ruby red colour with vibrant purple hues and aromas of black berries, white pepper and cedar wood. There's also plenty of generous berry fruit and spicy notes which carry through to the palate - a typical trait of fruit sourced from the Heathcote area. The 2008 Limited Release Heathcote Shiraz also displays balanced acidity, integrated tannins and a lingering palate. This wine will gain complexity with age.

#### The grape variety

Shiraz, the Australian name for the Syrah grape, is one of the oldest known grape varieties. Shiraz is responsible for many of the Rhone Valley's best known and highly acclaimed red wines. It has also made itself very much at home within the wide range of soils and climates of Australia's diverse viticultural regions. Although once considered the 'workhorse' of the Australian wine industry, Shiraz is now treasured and revered for the wonderful, generously flavoured wines it produces with their distinctive rich, berry flavours and silky tannins.

#### Technical information

The grapes for this wine were grown at our renowned Heathcote vineyard in Central Victoria. The fruit was harvested in late March at a range of baumé levels from 13.5° to 15°. This wine received oak treatment comprising 9% new American oak (mix of puncheons and barriques), 40% in two year old American oak and the balance in older American oak. The wine was bottled with an alcohol of 14.0%, a pH of 3.3 and acid level of 6.8 g/L.

#### Serving suggestions

This wine would be a fantastic accompaniment to rare roasted kangaroo back strap with garlic potatoes and a rocket salad. Alternatively try this wine with a hearty ox tail soup and crusty sour dough bread.



Nothing but the wine.

