



THE CHOOK SHIRAZ VIOGNIER 2008

With 2008 being the sixth vintage of this cleverly crafted Shiraz Viognier blend, **The Chook** has gained fans from all across the world including here, in Australia.

The 2008 vintage again provided excellent fruit. The seamless integration of **Shiraz co-fermented with Viognier**, generates a seductive nose of apricots, spice and ripe berries. The palate is smooth and full of rich flavour, perfect for a long lingering finish of delightfully soft Shiraz fruit, but not without the punch.

The Chook is sourced predominantly from **premium grape growing regions in South Australia**; namely McLaren Vale and Langhorne Creek with Padthaway and Wrattobully making up the difference.

McLaren Vale has an unrivalled reputation in Australia and indeed the world, for growing Shiraz which is full-flavoured, ripe and balanced. With excellent fruit and length, McLaren Vale Shiraz also has a terrific ability to age. Situated approximately 40km to the south of Adelaide, the capital of

South Australia, McLaren Vale has a Mediterranean-type climate. With winter dominant rainfall, warm, dry summers that are tempered by the proximity to the Gulf St. Vincent and low humidity, McLaren Vale has one of the most consistent climates in which to grow **premium wine grapes**.

Located on the floodplains of the Angas and Bremer Rivers about 70km south of Adelaide, **Langhorne Creek is one of the older wine growing regions in Australia** with the first vines planted in the 1850's. Traditionally, Langhorne Creek is a red growing area, and characteristically produces Shiraz that is spicy, flavoursome and elegant. Recent years have seen white varieties becoming more established in the region. The Viognier in The Chook is sourced from both Langhorne Creek and McLaren Vale.

Co-fermenting small amounts of Viognier skins with Shiraz adds a wonderful apricot perfume, at the same time intensifying the **deep rich colour** and velvety mouthfeel of the wine.

Winemaker	Ben Riggs
Vintage	2008
Variety	Shiraz (94%) Viognier (6%)
Growing Regions	McLaren Vale, Langhorne Creek, Padthaway & Wrattobully
Alcohol	14.5% alc./vol.
pH	3.55
Residual Sugar	2.5 g/l



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