Grange
1994

Grange is the benchmark by which all other reds in this country, and increasingly overseas, are often measured. The reasons for this are many yet straightforward. Concentration of flavour, complexity and longevity - Grange blossoms with 15 to 20 years of bottle age, when most other reds have past their best, and better vintages can live and continue developing for decades longer. And finally, heritage - first produced by Max Schubert in 1951, the '94 Grange represents over 40 years of winemaking excellence.

VINEYARD REGION
Barossa Valley, Coonawarra, McLaren Vale

VINTAGE CONDITIONS
The Barossa Valley experienced a drier than average growing season with rainfall at 83 per cent of the 10 year mean, reducing yield in a virtually disease-free season. Ripening was slow. Good sugar levels, alcohols and ripe flavours were realised. McLaren Vale had good rainfall and mild temperatures and Coonawarra had a warm, very dry autumn followed by a cool and sometimes wet summer.

GRAPE VARIETY
Shiraz (89%), Cabernet Sauvignon (11%)

MATURATION
Aged in 100% new American oak for 18 months.

WINE ANALYSIS
Alc/Vol: 13.50%
Acidity: 7.20g/L
pH: 3.55

LAST TASTED
2008

PEAK DRINKING
Now - 2030

FOOD MATCHES
Beef, Cheese

Winemaker comments by John Duval

COLOUR
Dark plum with brick red rim.

NOSE
Rich and complex with flashes of green tea leaf and truffle, interlocked with freshly tanned leather and savoury notes, prune and stewed blueberry fruits. Enticing classy oak (cedar) elevated, yet not overstated, by smoky barrel ferment character.

PALATE
What is promised on the nose is delivered on the palate - an opulent, intense, hedonistic wine. Layers of massive Shiraz fruit and expertly crafted oak manifest themselves into a seemingly endless variety of flavours - deep plum, liquorice, cedar, chocol