

2008 HOLLICK SHIRAZ CABERNET SAUVIGNON – STOCK ROUTE–

Taking its name from the Stock Route which ran along the higher ridges of Terra Rossa soil between Coonawarra and Wrattonbully, this blend is made in the traditional Australian style.

The 2008 Hollick Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon demonstrates the perfect pairing of key varieties from the Hollick regional vineyards. The majority of the Shiraz comes from the Hollick Wrattonbully vineyard, and is complemented by a small portion of Coonawarra Shiraz and Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon.

Hollick have been producing Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz from Coonawarra since the '80s, and in 1998 they expanded into the Wrattonbully region, 50km north of their Coonawarra vineyards. The Wrattonbully vineyard has a similar soil structure to Coonawarra vineyards; terra rossa over limestone, with the more northerly location helping to develop rich, aromatic Shiraz.

Both Coonawarra and Wrattonbully experienced near optimum conditions during the 2008 growing season. Early spring rains after a dry winter promoted excellent budburst and flowering. The cool conditions in February allowed good flavour development before the intense heat of March hastened the ripening.

Careful handling in the winery ensured that the vibrant flavours seen in the vineyard are evident in the resultant wine. Eighteen months in a mix of French and American oak barrels has added complexity and texture whilst also allowing a softening of the tannin structure.

Region	Coonawarra & Wrattonbully
Varietal Composition	62% Shiraz & 38% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appearance	Intense deep red/purple with crimson hues
Aromas	Fruit aromas of plum and berries are enhanced by hints of violets, spice, chocolate and liquorice.
Flavours	Ripe dark berry fruit flavours of blackcurrants, mulberries and prunes. Subtle undercurrents of mocha, mint and black olives are complemented by the soft tannins and lingering finish.
Technical Details	Alc/Vol 14.5% pH 3.50 Total Acidity 6.32g/l Bottled December 2009
Cellaring	Drink now or cellar for 5 to 10 years.
Food Matching	Dress up a barbeque with this fabulous wine.

