

## Dombeya Boulder Road Shiraz 2008

### Winemaker's comments:

Cooler season with rainfall late February slowed down the ripening of the grapes and favoured the flavour retention in the early stages of ripening. We harvested just in time to prevent rotting due to the late rains. This produced wines with lower alcohols and exceptionally good fruit expression.

### Tasting note:

The wine has a lively purple red colour with exceptional aromatic flavours of violets, rose water, and white pepper. The palate is soft and elegant with sweetish flavours of Turkish Delight and red cherries which is a beautiful example of the flavours you will expect from the best Shirazes from the Rhone Valley in France.

variety : Shiraz | 95% Shiraz, 5% Mourvedre

winery : Haskell Vineyards

winemaker : Rianie Strydom

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 13.5 % vol rs : 2.3 g/l pH : 3.69 ta : 6.1 g/l

type : Red    wooded

pack : Bottle    closure : Cork

4 stars in John Platter 2010

Voted Top 10 Shiraz in S.A at the Wine Magazine Shiraz Challenge.

**in the vineyard : Soil and Terroir:** The soil consists of 10% clay with the balance medium sand to coarse gravel on a North-western slope for 2 of the blocks. The row direction is 45° West of North. Block 4 is on a flatter piece with substantial rocks. Block 8, our only South facing block, is planted in coarse gravel. Water management is done by drip irrigation.

**about the harvest:** All the grapes were harvested by hand. Two of the 3 vineyards (clone SH22B on 101-14) were in their fourth vintage and bearing much more fruit, a third vineyard (the only south facing, clone SH9 on 101- 14) was now in its third year of production and almost at full production.

