



## **Botham Merrill Willis**

### **McLaren Vale**

**2008**

#### Tasting Notes

The colour is a very deep red with some youthful purple hues. The aroma shows typical McLaren Vale spice, licorice and ripe berry fruits with savoury wood smoke. The palate has firm tannin and acid structure with hints of blackberry leather and anise showing nice complexity, well integrated subtle oak and finishing clean, fruity and dry.

#### Winemakers Comments

The 2008 Vintage was sent to test us. This vintage will be remembered for the incredible heat wave that affected South Australia and the challenges associated with it. Early indications pointed towards it being one of the greatest vintages we had seen in McLaren Vale. Good vineyard management meant we were able to process healthy fruit and we now have some excellent wines in our cellar.

#### Analysis

**pH 3.47, TA 7.2g/L, RS 0.58g/L, Alcohol 14.5%, Harvested March 2008**