

*Benwarin Wines*

HUNTER VALLEY



## **2003 Shiraz**

### **Variety**

100% Shiraz

### **Region**

Hunter Valley

### **The Grapes**

100% from our own vineyard at Mistletoe Lane, Pokolbin. 2003 was a severe drought year in the Hunter which resulted in reduced yields and intense, ripe flavours in the shiraz.

### **Winemaking**

Fermented on skins in open fermentation tanks for 7 days at 18-25°C. The wine was pumped over the skins every 6 hours. Maturation in a mixture of new and used French and American oak barrels for 15 months before blending, fining, and bottling.

### **Bottled**

August, 2004.

### **Closure**

Cork

### **Analysis**

Alcohol: 13.4, pH: 3.40, T/A: 7.0 g/L

### **Colour**

Ruby red purple

### **Nose**

Mixed berry fruits (mulberry, blackberry) with licorice and spicy vanilla oak.

### **Palate**

A medium to full bodied style showing ripe sweet berry flavours integrated well with spicy oak and balanced by ripe fruit flavours.

### **Food**

Beef, lamb, pork

### **Awards**

Bronze medal – Hunter Valley Wine Show 2005

Bronze medal – NSW Small Winemakers Wine Show 2005

Seal of Approval – Japan Wine Challenge 2005

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