

# KOONOWLA



## 2008 THE RINGMASTER CLARE VALLEY SHIRAZ

This wine has intense deep colour and wonderful rich red and black berry fruit aromas. Thankfully we were able to get the vast majority of our fruit off the vineyard before the worst of the heat and so the fruit quality was good, we protected it by harvesting at night and getting it into a cool ferment as soon as possible. The 18 months in fine oak barrels has ensured the fruit is balanced with some soft grainy tannins and spicy oak flavours on the pallet. The wine has a soft, smooth finish and makes a great partner to most meat dishes – especially a juicy steak!

Most are predicting that the Shiraz wines from the 2008 vintage in Clare will be some of the best ever produced, a great way for us to follow up the award-winning 2006 Shiraz. While the alcohols are quite high courtesy of the drought the wines are full flavoured rather than 'hot', unlike other regions which got the worst of the heat-wave.

<b>Alcohol Content:</b>	14.5%
<b>Yield per acre:</b>	3 tonnes
<b>Cases produced:</b>	5000
<b>Appellation:</b>	Clare Valley
<b>Filtration and fining:</b>	Minimal at bottling
<b>Varietal composition:</b>	100% Shiraz
<b>Length of barrel maturation:</b>	18 months