



# GMH VINEYARD SERIES

## Shiraz 2004

### Limestone Coast/ Adelaide Hills

Geoff is a member of the fifth generation of the Hardy winemaking family. After studying at Roseworthy College, he set out on a career path as an independent grape grower and viticulturist and bought his first vineyard, Pertaringa, along with Ian Leask in 1980.

Today he oversees a small empire. Home is on the 35 hectare Kuitpo Vineyard, where he produces premium, cooler-climate, dry styles of wines. There are the original McLaren Vale Vineyards (31 hectares), the 160 hectare Wirrega Vineyard near Bordertown (which he bought in with six partners in 1993), and the most recent addition, the Angas Vineyard Joint Venture at Langhorne Creek.

It is not only his flair for viticulture that has made him successful, but his ability to initiate and manage a range of ventures simultaneously.

The 2004 GMH Shiraz is a blend of the Wirrega Vineyard (Limestone Coast) and the Kuitpo Vineyard (Adelaide Hills).

The grapes are processed at McLaren Vintners. Ben Riggs is in charge of the wine production and the resulting wines are all of a high standard.

**APPEARANCE;** Dark Purple with violet hues

**NOSE;** Hints of chocolate, menthol and tobacco leaf on the nose

**PALATE;** The warm 2004 summer ensured rich, ripe berry aromas in Shiraz from both regions. This wine exhibits the generosity of flavour that such a year provides, with the impression of plums, blackcurrant and spice flavours on the palate. Judicious oak maturation enhances the flavour to ensure enjoyment.

Region:	Limestone Coast / Adelaide Hills
Winemaking:	Matured for 8 months in used French and American oak barrels
Alcohol:	14.5 alc/vol
Total acidity:	5.9 g/L
pH:	3.46
Residual sugar:	1.4 g/L
Total sulphur:	80 mg/L