



# SHIRAZ CABERNET

The Black Opal range is named after Australia's most famous and beautiful gemstone - the Australian Black Opal. Wolf Blass has taken the name to create a collection of contemporary Australian wines.

A variety of premium vineyard sites throughout South Eastern Australia were chosen for this wine. Fruit is selected for its color and flavor intensity.

Parcels of fruit were crushed and de-stemmed separately. Traditional fermentation and cap management techniques were employed to extract intense color, flavor and soft tannins from the skins while maintaining approachability. The wine then underwent partial oak maturation with some parcels being left un-oaked to enhance the primary fruit characters.

## Grape Variety

Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon

## Maturation

Parcels of this wine were matured in a combination of American and French oak.

## Colour

The Black Opal Shiraz Cabernet is crimson in color, with some purple hues.

## Nose

Aromas of bramble berries and bight cherry lift the nose, leading to a palate showing some leafy complexity.

## Palate

The palate is very even and persistent with ripe plum Shiraz flavours that are well structured with the addition of Cabernet - which provides stucture, tannin, length and blackberry fruit flavours.

## Vineyard Region

South Eastern Australia

## Vintage Conditions

The vintage was difficult with low winter temperatures threatening severe frosts, followed by unusually high summer temperatures which placed pressure on water resources. The resulting fruit ripened quickly and was harvested early with full flavors, fine structure and balance.

## Technical Analysis

pH 3.58

Acidity 6.30g/L

Alcohol 13.5%

Residual Sugar g/L

**Peak Drinking** Drink now to enjoy the fresh fruit characters of this wine.

