

## **BACKGROUND**

The ship Evening Star docked at Port Phillip Harbour in February 1856 carrying Mr David Pettavel's family and friends destined for the expanding vineyards of Geelong. Recruited in Switzerland and accompanied on the voyage by Mr Pettavel, they were pivotal in the expansion of viticulture and winemaking in the Geelong region.

The Evening Star range is focused on vibrant and expressive Geelong fruit characters, round palate structure and youthful accessibility. The wines are all released ready to drink and are great accompaniments to a wide range of foods.

## **PRODUCTION NOTES**

Produced from grapes grown in our Waurrn Ponds vineyard where the close proximity to the coast and cool night time temperatures ensure a later ripening, this third release of Evening Star Shiraz was harvested in a warmer year, and as a result the wine displays richer and riper fruit flavours.

Once harvested the grapes are crushed into open fermenters where heading down boards are utilised to ensure maximum extraction of colour and flavour while avoiding excessive tannin pick up. The wine spent in excess of four weeks on skins before being pressed directly to a mix of American and French oak barrels. Malo-lactic fermentation occurred naturally over winter and the wines were racked twice before blending and bottling in October 2007.

## **WINE DESCRIPTION**

As with the other wines in the Evening Star range this wine is produced with early enjoyment in mind. Obvious up front fruit flavours of ripe red berries and red plum enhanced with fragrant oak characters and a soft round palate structure ensures the wine is ready to drink upon release. The depth of colour and ripe tannin structure of the wine also ensures that the wine will continue to develop in the bottle over the medium term.

The 2006 Evening Star Shiraz has been bottled under screw cap to eliminate cork taint and ensure a perfect seal.

## **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

**Alcohol:** 13.6% VOL

**pH:** 3.78

**Total Acid:** 5.10 g/L Tartaric

**Residual Sugar:** 0.61 g/L

**Bottle Size:** 750ml

**Bottle Type:** Punted Claret - Antique Green

**Closure Type:** Screw Cap

**Carton Size:** 12 x 750ml Vertical

**EAN Bottle Barcode:** 9331294000409

**EAN Carton Barcode:** 9331294000416

**UCC Bottle Barcode:** 876489000066

**SPC Carton Barcode:** 08764890000060

