



BLACK OPAL[®]
BY WOLF BLASS

SHIRAZ 2002

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.

The 2002 Black Opal Shiraz is rich red in the glass. Blackberry and pepper aromas develop on the palate. Soft tannins give structure to the fruit-driven palate.

VITICULTURE

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

VINIFICATION

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

SUGGESTED FOOD

Barbequed meats and grilled vegetables.

CELLARING

Three to five years.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol: 14%

pH: 3.53

Acidity: 6.4g/L

Harvest Date: March – April 2002

