



## **2007 Valli Old Vine Riesling**

Total Production: 280 cases

Sincere thanks to my friends Sue and Verdun at Black Ridge for sharing the fruits of their labour. Their vision and sense of adventure in the early 1980's has resulted in a block of 25-year-old Riesling vines from which I have produced my favourite white variety. As vines age and their roots go deeper, they produce wines of increased depth and complexity. As growers age, they gain experience, understanding and knowledge of how to bring out the best in their vines and site. This wine is truly an expression of people, place and vine age.

### **VITICULTURE**

Vineyard Location: Alexandra (Black Ridge Vineyards)

Vines planted: 1980

Soils: schist rock

Rainfall: 450mm

GDD: approx 1200

Date of Harvest: 4 April 2007

Yield: 4 T/ha

Brix: 23.4

### **WINEMAKING**

Fermentation: Stainless steel at 11 – 15 deg C

Alcohol: 13%

pH: 3.04

TA: 7.24

Fining: light isinglass

Filtering: .45 micron

### **TASTING NOTES**

Old vines and Alexandra's warm nights mean the resulting Riesling grapes had low acids enough not to need residual sugar. This is a dry Riesling with ripe quince and stone fruit aromatics with some perfumed citrus notes in the background.

The palate is broad and rich with great fruit ripeness and, like all the Rieslings coming from Black Ridge's old vines, I expect it to age very well and develop complexity over the next few years.

### **AWARDS AND REVIEWS**