



# Varley Shiraz 2013

Baileys of Glenrowan is one of the pioneers of winemaking in North-East Victoria, producing its first vintage in 1870. Since this time Baileys has become renowned for consistently producing intensely flavoured, long-lived red wines and world class fortifieds.

Varley Bailey, our founding winemaker, was a man of vision and ingenuity, who selected a rugged parcel of North-East Victorian bush and developed a thriving wine business. Where seasonal conditions allow we will continue to make this wine in his honour.

The Varley Shiraz brings together the very best parcels of fruit grown at Baileys each year; effectively the finest Shiraz we can produce. Barrel maturation in a single 2800 litre French vat means oak plays a supporting role, and allows the powerful shiraz fruit to shine.

# Winemaker Comments: Paul Dahlenburg

Vineyard Region Glenrowan, North East Victoria

### Vintage Conditions

2013 was an ideal vintage in North-East Victoria with good spring rains, and mild, settled conditions through the ripening period. This has resulted in table wines of considerable fruit concentration.

# **Technical Analysis**

Harvest Date February & March 2013 pH 3.49 Acidity 7.2g/L Alcohol 14.0% Residual Sugar 0.8 g/l Bottling Date December 2014 Peak Drinking Will develop in bottle through to 2028 and beyond. **Grape Variety** Glenrowan Shiraz

### Maturation

15 months in one year old French oak, including assemblage in 2800 litre vat.

### Colour

Impenetrable purple-maroon

### Nose

Ripe raspberry and bloodplum, cacao bean, and allspice with oak derived notes of cedar in the background.

# Palate

On entry the palate is dripping with concentrated raspberry and blackberry fruit. Ripe, grainy fruit tannins build structure and texture through the middle, with attractive oak maturation notes of mocha, coffee bean and bitter chocolate through the finish.