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## WOLF BLASS GOLD LABEL

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### 2005 BAROSSA/EDEN VALLEY SHIRAZ

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*The 2005 Wolf Blass Gold Label Shiraz is a vibrant, deep red colour with purple hues. The wine exhibits lifted aromas of blueberries, blackberries and dark plums, overlaid with lifted anise and smoky oak notes. Full, round and soft, this wine shows excellent depth across the palate, balanced by good acidity and fine, long tannins.*

#### VITICULTURE

*This wine was selected from low yielding, minimally irrigated vineyards throughout the Barossa and Eden Valleys, to ensure a true expression of regional and varietal character. 2005 saw a good budburst and fruit set, followed by favourable growing conditions. Harvest was early by about two weeks due to the temperate conditions, allowing for steady, continuous ripening. Warm, dry conditions prevailed during the harvest period. Red varietals show exceptional flavour and structure.*

#### WINEMAKING

*Each vineyard parcel was fermented separately in small batch open fermenters. The parcels were gently pressed and racked before 15 months maturation in seasoned and new French and American oak. The wine was then lightly filtered and bottled.*

*Screwcaps were used to ensure freshness and preserve the characters of the wine.*

#### SUGGESTED FOOD

*Slow roasted lamb shanks with tomato relish and creamy pepper mashed potatoes.*

#### CELLARING

*This wine is enjoyable now but will benefit from four to six years cellaring.*

#### TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

**Harvest Date:** March-April 2005

**pH:** 3.56

**Acidity:** 6.63g/L

**Alcohol:** 14.6 %

**Bottling Date:** October 2006

