

# P A R I N G A <sup>4M1</sup>



## INDIVIDUAL 2002 • SHIRAZ VINEYARD

**T**he River Murray is to Australia what the Mississippi is to America and the Rhine is to Europe. Fed from the snow country of the Australian Alps the Murray traces a leisurely 2,000 mile course to the Southern Ocean. In its lower reaches, in the state of South Australia, the Murray winds through lush vineyards that produce about 50% of Australia's wine production.

The Paringa vineyards, situated near the viticultural centre of Renmark, are owned by the Hickinbotham family, whose connections with the Australian wine industry go back sixty years.

**T**his wine reflects the clean environment and combination of water, soil and sunshine that is uniquely Australian. Made from 100% Shiraz, the wine is a clear dark ruby, with a bouquet full of lush Shiraz fruit character. The rich fruitiness continues on to the palate, with plenty of varietal Shiraz character overlaying a subtle touch of oak which leads to a firm, clean finish.

14.0% ALC/VOL

PRODUCT OF AUSTRALIA

750ML

## 2002 PARINGA SHIRAZ

**Year:** 2002

**Brand:** Paringa

**Variety:** Shiraz

**Varietal:** 100%

**Region:** South Australia

**Bottle Size:** 750ml Stelvin

**Total Case Production:** 6,000 cases

### Tasting Notes:

**Colour:** A deep dark earthy black with inkjet hue.

**Bouquet:** Classic nose of intense black coffee and crème.

**Palate:** Blackberry and spice, with cigar box and cedar. French nevers oak with inner staves, brings the intense and explosion of fruit from start to finish.

**Analytical Data:** Alcohol 14%, Total acidity: 6.9 g/l, Residual sugar: 0.4 g/l, pH: 3.60

### Vintage Comments:

**Yield:** 10 tonnes per acre

**Harvest:** March 2002

Vintage started in mid-February which is late for the Riverland. The yield was approximately 10% bigger than last year's record harvest. A relatively cool spring and mild summer resulted in good fruit set and optimum ripening with yields well above expectations. The weather during vintage was warm to mild with no rain. However, due to the cooler nights, the vintage did go later than normal.

**Producer:** The ARH Australian Wine Company Pty Ltd

**Grower/Owner:** David & Dena Hickinbotham

**Winemaker:** Mike Farmilo

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