

## **KEST WINES 2008 MEMORY HILL**

### **The Vision:**

Dave Kest's love of Bordeaux blends inspired the creation of a vineyard planted to 4 of the noble Bordeaux varietals. The wine is an extension of his passion as a viticulturalist and his desire to express his unique site in the wine style that he adores.

### **The Vineyard:**

The Memory Hill Vineyard spans 8 ½ acres and is situated near the top of the Mt Lofty Range high above the world famous Barossa Valley. Planted to Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, all four varieties are grown as bush vines in a red loam over clay soil, littered with numerous outcrops of quartz and mica.

At an elevation of 1200ft the cooler conditions during ripening express a fragrance and elegance rarely seen from more familiar Barossa reds.

Low yields and minimal irrigation combined with hand pruning and hand harvesting produce high quality fruit, expressing not only the characteristics of the site and climate, but also show the care and attention the fruit receives during every stage of its development.

### **The Wine:**

In true Bordeaux tradition the vineyard is hand harvested in a single pick, and directly crushed into a single open fermenter. Once fermentation is complete the skins are bucketed by hand to the press, with the wine spending the next 16 months in a mixture of new to 4 year old French oak.

Colour: Ruby red with Garnet hues

Nose: Lifted perfume of rose petals, cedar and cigar box with hints of spearmint, overlaying a heady blend of cinnamon, nutmeg and brown cardamom.

Palate: A complex array of pungent herbs leading into a fleshy mid palate of blackcurrant and black cherries. The wine is superbly finished by elegant, structural grape tannins and balanced with subtle integrated oak.

### Analysis:

pH 3.65

TA 6.1 g/L

Alcohol 13.6% V/V