



2004 PRETTY SALLY ESTATE SHIRAZ

Varietal:	<i>100% Shiraz</i>	Alcohol:	<i>14.8%</i>
Vintage:	<i>April 2004</i>	pH:	<i>3.4</i>
Vineyard:	<i>Pretty Sally Vineyard</i>	Total Acidity:	<i>8.2 g/l</i>
Region:	<i>Central Victoria</i>	Maturation:	<i>20 months</i>
Production:	<i>2,800 cases</i>	Yield:	<i>2.6 tons/acre</i>
Barrels:	<i>French/American new oak barrels</i>	Clone:	<i>PT 23</i>
Soil Type:	<i>Rocky fragments, sandy clay loam</i>	Winemaker:	<i>John Ellis</i>
Release date:	<i>September, 2006</i>		

Vintage Description

2004 has been hailed as an extraordinary year across Victoria. It was one of the best years we've had for flowering, fruit set and crop levels. The sunshine was plentiful, offering steady heat. Our rocks in the soil provided additional warmth to the ground during the cool winter evenings. Our maritime weather and elevation protected our vineyard from the intense heat felt in nearby locations. We had our average rainfall of 450 ml, allowing us to irrigate solely from rainwater, stored in our reservoirs. The Great Dividing Range shielded our vineyard from the 2 heavy rainstorms and hail that close-by areas had in December. As is usual for our grapes at harvest, the elevation and maritime climate enabled us to attain high grape sugar levels accompanied by excellent acidity. The resulting wine shows a generous, open and complex character. 2004 was fantastic for us!

Tasting Notes

An elegant, concentrated Shiraz full of aromas and flavors of fresh blackberry and raspberry with notes of cassis, candied cherry, and licorice. Has subtle notes of pepper which is characteristic of this region. The strong finish has lingering flavors of dark fruit liqueur. A great drop!

About Pretty Sally

Pretty Sally was established in 1996 and is owned and operated by Rosalie & Dan Cornew, Neil McKay, and Jim & Marie Davies. The vineyard is located 40 miles north of Melbourne in Central Victoria, Australia's original winemaking region and site of the 1860s gold rush. Bordering the famous Pretty Sally Hills, the estate consists of 450-acres, 110 of which are currently planted to vines. Maritime breezes and moderate elevation (1100 feet) make this a temperate site with a long growing season. Holistic vineyard management practices are utilized to complement the indigenous biodiversity. The yields are kept low at under 3 tons/acre to encourage intensity and character.