

# Climbing

## 2005 CLIMBING CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Defined by altitude, Orange is one of Australia's highest and coolest wine regions starting at 600 metres above sea level. The name Climbing is an active reference to our high altitude vineyard and our continual quest for greater achievement.

## VINTAGE CONDITIONS

2005 was an ideal growing season, characterised by low crops in a warm, dry year – other than some light rains just before harvest.

Fruit for this wine was sourced from two sections of the estate vineyard – one bearing rocky red soil and the other characterised by excellent limestone soils, which are ideal for optimising varietal Cabernet Sauvignon flavours.

Harvest was around one week early, with the Cabernet Sauvignon picked in late March, early April at between 13 and 13.5 degrees Baume.



## WINEMAKER NOTES

**Winemaker:** Philip Shaw

**Region:** Orange, New South Wales

**Alcohol:** 14.0%

**Winemaking notes:** Fruit was crushed, then inoculated with native and cultured yeast. The wine fermented at temperatures of up to 30 degrees and was pumped over 2-3 times during the early stages of fermentation. The wine macerated on skins for 10-20 days after fermentation to maximise quality grape tannin extraction.

The wine was then drained off skins and gently pressed, with only the lightest pressings included in the final blend. It then oak matured, after which it was fined, racked, filtered and bottled early August 2006.

**Maturation:** French and American oak for 14 months.

**Tasting Notes:** Philip notes "This wine has lovely intense red colour. The aroma shows good berry fruit characters, great complexity and depth. This follows through to the palate with integrated oak, a powerful palate, great length and firm tannins.

I really think this is an amazing wine and look forward to watching it integrate with up to 10 years cellaring."

**Awards:** Trophy, 2006 Orange Wine Show (Best Cabernet Sauvignon of Show)  
Gold, 2006 Orange Wine Show  
Silver, 2007 Royal Sydney Wine Show  
Silver, 2006 National Wine Show  
Bronze, 2006 Royal Perth Show