

# EDEN HALL

## *Cabernet Sauvignon*

### EDEN VALLEY 2006

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<b>Region:</b>	Eden Valley
<b>Harvested:</b>	1st May 2006
<b>Oak:</b>	Predominantly French hogsheads (50% new)
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.1%
<b>pH:</b>	3.50
<b>Bottled:</b>	September 2008
<b>Total production:</b>	8605 bottles

The 2006 vintage was characterised by high to excellent fruit quality but with only average yields in the Eden Valley. Winter and spring rains were some of the best for years in the lead-up to flowering in early summer, although some varieties, such as riesling and shiraz, suffered more than others from poor fruit set. The summer was mild with southerly winds, reminiscent of 2002. Brief heat waves occurred in late January and mid-February but were early enough not to affect quality, with only minor sunburn on exposed fruit. Mild dry Autumn conditions allowed for the development of wonderfully balanced fruit quality and flavours.

The 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon is rich crimson/ruby red coloured with aromas of cedar, spice, tobacco and black fruits. The wine is beautifully structured with a harmonious balance between the spicy oak and the ripples of ripe fruit. The waves of cassis and blackcurrants gradually yield to the fine, lingering tannins, suggesting another 3 -5 years of further development. Similar in so many ways to the magnificent 2005 Eden Hall Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2006 wine is rich in mouth feel and lengthy in palate weight. Drink it through 2020 and beyond.



*Shiraz - Cabernet Sauvignon - Cabernet Shiraz Viognier*  
*Riesling - Palatka Riesling*

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