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HARDYS
1853

R&R
MERLOT
2008

Winemaker's Notes

Hardys R&R stands for uncomplicated wines displaying true varietal character and perfect for everyday enjoyment.

The 2008 Hardys R&R Merlot was crafted from select parcels from South Eastern Australia in order to achieve a style rich in body and flavour.

Harvested at cooler temperatures in order to retain freshness of flavour, Hardys R&R Merlot 2008 has rich and soft berry flavours which linger on the finish and are ideal for immediate enjoyment.

Tasting Notes

Wine Style

Sweet 1 2 **3** 4 5 Dry
Light 1 2 **3** 4 5 Full bodied

Colour

Medium violet/ruby with purple hue.

Bouquet

Cherry, raspberry and plum fruits with hints of bay leaf, vanillin oak and subtle notes of tobacco.

Palate

Sweet plum and currant fruit in a medium bodied style which is bright and lively with delicate softness and smooth tannins.

Food

Seared spiced duck breast
Rack of lamb with soy-balsamic marinade
Gorgonzola or Brie

Bottling Date
November 2008

Alcohol
13.5%

Acidity
5.78g/L

pH
3.53

Winemaker
Paul Lapsley

Region (%)
South Eastern Australia
100%

Grape Variety
Merlot

Fermentation
Stainless steel

Cellaring
Early drinking

Maturation
Stainless steel with light
oak influence

