

## THE FRUIT

The Abednego completes the Icon trio from Grant Burge Wines, sitting alongside the highly awarded Meshach and Shadrach which are Grant's flagship Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon. The wine is 100% Barossa using fruit sourced from Grant's own vineyards with an average age of 110 years. The old vines deliver fruit with incredible concentration and depth giving the resultant wine the ability to develop over many years. The fruit is all handpicked, with the 2009 vintage a blend of 44% Shiraz, 31% Grenache and 25% Mourvèdre. Only 500 dozen produced.

## THE WINEMAKING

After crushing and de-stemming, the grapes were fermented in static "potter type" fermenters and regularly pumped over. Once fermentation was complete the wine underwent extended maceration on skins to enhance the tannin structure. Following this process the free run and pressings were held separately while the winemakers decided on the perfect blend. A portion of the wine was then transferred into a 2,500 litre vat, with the remainder spending 16 months in one and two year old French oak hogsheads.

# *2009 Abednego* Shiraz Grenache Mourvèdre

*The 2009 Abednego is the end result of a sensational Grenache vintage. Deep ruby red with hints of purple, there are layers of fruit and spice aromas including dark cherries, raspberries, star anise, cinnamon and dark chocolate. The palate has beautifully supple tannins and a silky mouthfeel which highlight the pure dark fruit and savoury spice flavours.*

*With careful cellaring this wine will evolve further in the next 12 years courtesy of the weight of tannins and fine balance. The flavours of this wine match brilliantly with game meats such as duck and venison.*

