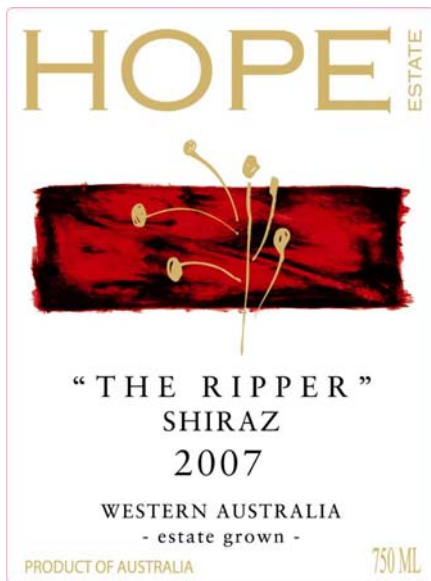















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2007 Hope Estate "The Ripper!" Shiraz

100% Estate Grown - 100% Family Owned

Hope Estate has 28 hectares of vines at Donnybrook, in the Geographe region of Western Australia. The shiraz grapes are crushed on the west coast and then transported by truck across the Nullabor Plains to the Hunter Valley on the east coast where they are fermented and bottled. The must is chilled for this three day road trip and arrives with amazing colour and tannin extraction.

	Picked	March 2007		Bottled	January 2009
	Oak	30% French oak and 70% American oak Fermentation and maturation for 12-15 months			
	Analysis	Alcohol 14.5%	pH	T/A 6.6 g/L	Residual Sugar 3.2 g/L
	Appearance	Inky dark red, black with purple hue.			
	Aroma	Lifted generous blackberry and logan berry characters, mint, nutmeg and black pepper.			
	Bouquet	The oak fermentation and maturation have enhanced the peppery and spicy characters of the wine. Some open ferments have helped to retain the fruitfulness and other techniques have enriched the mocha, chocolate notes.			
	Palate	Huge berry fruit, spicy nutmeg and chocolate characters fill the palate. The oak is well balanced with acidity leading to a long finish of persistent fruit, fine grained tannins and cool climate mint notes. A full bodied, warm wine.			
	Food Marriage	This full bodied shiraz will complement a big steak or rich lamb dish.			
	Serve	Room temperature – 14 to 16°C, or slightly chilled.			
	Cellaring	Drink now or leave to develop for up to 10 years.			
	Winemaker	James Campkin			
	Michael Hope's Notes	"The Ripper" story is an amazing tale. Our West Australian shiraz fruit is crushed, chilled then trucked across the country for over three days before we start fermentation. This extended cold maceration produces dense colour and flavour with a fine tannin structure. The cool hills of Donnybrook give us amazing elegance while retaining the classic spicy shiraz characters. Truly a Ripper!!			