



BUTTERFLY RIDGE

2009 MERLOT CABERNET



REGION:

South Australia

VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING:

The grapes for this wine were sourced from the Angove owned Nanya vineyard and premium growers in the Riverland region. Soils are predominantly red sandy loam over limestone, on gently undulating east west ridges.

2009 was an early vintage, with good ripening conditions in January, followed by some extreme heat in February. Disease pressures were low, but ripening was quite fast putting emphasis back on the winemakers to manage grape harvest timing carefully.

Fermented on skins to extract the deep red colour. The winemaking goal has been gentle handling aimed at retaining the soft full fruit with minimal extraction, but maximum flavours. The wine had minimal handling prior to filtration for bottling the Angove Estate.

WINEMAKERS' NOTES:

Deep red with purple hues, a mixture of ripe berry aromas with a hint of cream venture forth on first impression. The full soft palate displays good berry fruit characters, black cherry, raspberry and plum, finishing with good length.

This wine is great with just about any meat dish and fantastic with pizza.

TECHNICAL:

Variety:	Merlot 60% Cabernet Sauvignon 40%
Alcohol:	14.0% alc/vol
Total Acidity:	6.6 gms/l
Residual Sugar:	<10 gms/l