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18th CELEBRATIONS FOR BAROSSA VALLEY ESTATE'S E&E

Celebrating its 18th release in 2009, Barossa Valley Estate winemaker Stuart Bourne is delighted to announce the launch of the new vintage 2005 Barossa Valley Estate E&E Black Pepper Shiraz.

The 2005 vintage was one of BVE's best on record, and the E&E Black Pepper Shiraz from that year shows all the benefits of a near perfect growing season. Winemaker Stuart Bourne said the 2005 vintage conditions 'were nothing short of excellent'.

'When we looked at the individual batches of Shiraz, all the vineyard blocks achieved such great physiological flavours and seed ripeness. The early ferment colours that were extracted were amazing - deep, vivid purples and blue-blacks showed up after just a few pump-overs or plunges', Stuart said.

'The resultant 2005 E&E Black Pepper Shiraz was selected from just three vineyards in the northern part of the Barossa, and has developed to a highly distinctive Shiraz showing great finesse, elegance and concentration of flavour.'

'We feel very privileged to finally release this amazing wine into the market, and are looking forward to the feedback on this exceptional vintage.'

Well known US wine writer Robert Parker has already awarded this wine the score of 92 points as well as a glowing review: "The 2005 E&E Black Pepper Shiraz received the same *elevation* as the 2004 but is more deeply coloured with a bouquet that jumps from the glass – cedar, earth notes, leather, plum and blueberry aromas are quite alluring. This leads to a concentrated, intense, lengthy wine".

Along with the release of the 2005 E&E Black Pepper Shiraz, Barossa Valley Estate is also pleased to launch the 17th vintage release of its 'little brother' in the 2005 Ebenezer Shiraz.

At Barossa Valley Estate, the blending process for these premium wines involves over 100 different Shiraz batches. For winemaker Stuart Bourne, it means 'blending is like a jigsaw puzzle, with the most important element being to highlight each different vineyard down to the individual blocks within these vineyards'.

'The 2005 vintages of the E&E and Ebenezer highlight this hard and complex work - outstanding quality wines that showcase the intricacies of the Barossa Valley.'

The 2005 E&E Black Pepper Shiraz has a recommended retail price of \$90.00 and the 2005 Ebenezer retails at \$32.00.

Barossa Valley Estate was established in 1984 and became a public company in 1999. It is 50% owned by the original founding grape growers and 50% owned by Constellation Australia Limited, part of Constellation Brands, Inc., which is worldwide distributor for Barossa Valley Estate's wines.

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