

# STORM 9 BAY

*Wines with finesse, depth and elegance*

## Storm Bay 2008 Merlot



### Label

Storm Bay in Southern Tasmania is the final challenge for the famous Sydney to Hobart boat race. Abel Tasman's first visit to this bay in 1642 was brief, as a large storm brewed, pushing his fleet out to sea before they could shelter in the River Derwent.

### Wine

Bright aromas of plums and dark cherries. Flavours of blackberries and mixed spices are well balanced by velvet smoky tannins and soft acid.

Variety: 100% handpicked Merlot  
Region: Coal Valley, Southern Tasmania  
Winemakers: Alain Rousseau and Nick Glaetzer

### 2008 vintage report

The 2008 vintage broke yield records across the state, partly due to the expanse of maturing vineyards and somewhat owing to the sustained stretch of perfect weather during the growing season. The long running drought continued, though clever irrigation following the infrequent rains permitted viticulturists to optimise their crop levels. The dry and extended vintage period diminished any grapevine diseases and allowed the grapes to slowly ripen without stress. Harvest for grapes destined for sparkling wine began in the second week of March, one to two weeks earlier than average, though the vintage finished well into May for the late ripening varieties such as Cabernet sauvignon and Shiraz. Pinot noir was generally hand-picked in first two weeks of April. Whites from the 2008 Tasmanian vintage are fresh with great mineral acid structure, while the reds are showing elegant fruit and refined tannins.

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