



## BlackJack 2010 Major's Line Shiraz

### VINEYARD & VINTAGE

In 1836 Major Thomas Mitchell set out from Bathurst NSW to embark on his now famous expedition to explore southern Victoria, an expedition he was to call Australia Felix. His glowing reports of the rich and verdant land in central Victoria brought many squatters and settlers to the area following the "Major's Line".

This wine has been made by BlackJack Wines from grapes grown by David and Ruth Norris at Faraday, in the foothills of Mount Alexander, the peak on which Major Mitchell stood to view the surrounding countryside.

The 2010 vintage represented a return to normality and, although warm-to-hot, it was much milder than 2009 and 2008 and also augmented by well timed rainfall.

### WINEMAKING

The wine was fermented in traditional open fermenters, hand plunged, and aged in small American oak barriques for 24 months. Malolactic fermentation took place in barrel. No finings and only minimal filtration at bottling.

### TASTING

Deep Ruby in colour.

Sweet dark berry aromas with mixed spice and clove overtones.

Red berry flavours on the palate highlight a refined, soft and elegant wine.

Generous fruit flavours, well integrated with oak and grape tannins.

Suggested cellaring: four-to-six years.

### ANALYSIS

Harvested: April 2010.

100 per cent shiraz from David & Ruth Norris's vineyard at Faraday.

Bottled: October 2012.

pH: 3.60

Acidity: 6.0g/L

Volatile acidity: 0.45g/L

Alcohol: 14.0%

### DISTRIBUTORS:

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RRP: \$25 bottle



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