The West Cape Howe Premium wines are from their Estate vineyards, made with minimal winemaking intervention to ensure best possible varietal flavour and regional expression.

VINTAGE: The 2011 vintage will be remembered for near perfect weather conditions. Warm, sunny days and cool, rainless nights characterised the ripening season. This allowed for slow, even ripening and optimal flavour development with no disease pressure.

WINEMAKING: Harvested from the old vines of the Swan Valley, this Grenache was selected for our 2011 Rose. Upon seeing the quality of the juice that remained once we pressed out the small portion of juice for our Rose, we decided to keep the remainder as a separate parcel, pressing straight to barrel for fermentation. The latter portion of the juice displayed a concentration of flavour and colour with a balance of tannin that perfectly exemplifies this style which is not often seen as an individual varietal in Australia. With a light oak influence and a short maturation period, this wine was bottled early to retain its fresh, fruity characters.

COLOUR: Vibrant red with a youthful purple hue.

AROMA: Lifted aromas of strawberries and ripe fruits with an undertone of savoury spice.

PALATE: Opening with bright red fruits of strawberry and raspberry, this lighter bodied Grenache continues on with earthy characters and dusty tannins. The palate rounds out with a lingering finish.

CELLAR POTENTIAL: 3 - 5 years

FRUIT SOURCE: Swan Valley

BLEND: 100% Grenache

FRUIT MATURITY: Fruit was picked at 14° Be

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:
- pH: 3.23
- TA: 6.48 g/L
- Alcohol: 13.8%
- Residual Sugar: 0.6 g/L