



## Ballabourneen 2007 Buckets of Hunter Shiraz

This is a delightful example of what Hunter shiraz can do in a warm dry year.

Cooked plums, cedar oak, and a waft of chocolate hazelnuts introduce the drinker to the palate which is reminiscent of a rich dark fruitcake ... even down to the roasted almonds on top!

The tannins are fine and gentle, signalling good integration of oak, with the cedar characters reappearing on the long, lip-smacking finish.

While a classic match would be a great Australian cheddar, the palate also points to any dish with a rich tomato-and-meat sauce such as lasagne or homemade steak pie.

