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## BlackJack releases a fine brace of reds from the idyllic 2010 vintage

- BlackJack 2010 Major's Line Shiraz — \$25
- BlackJack 2010 Chortle's Edge Shiraz — \$18

BlackJack has released its final two reds from the 2010 vintage — a vintage that Ian McKenzie, who shares BlackJack's ownership and winemaking duties with Ken Pollack, reckons could probably be retrospectively seen as a watershed.

“It was a calm, even, we might even say idyllic vintage lodged between the drought years of 2008 and 2009 and the deluges that were to follow in 2011 and 2012,” he said.

“January to March brought nearly 17cm of rain, compared with 5.5cm in the same months of 2008 and only 3cm in 2009. In fact you have to go back to 2000 for comparable falls.

“Not that the rain in 2010 did us any harm. It always seemed to come at the right time to refresh the vines and slow ripening a bit, yet not present us with any problems disease-wise.”

The slow, even ripening certainly made for a relaxed, calm vintage, which started in early April (a bit earlier for the Bridgewater Chortle's Edge component) and delivered a constant flow of ripe, perfectly conditioned fruit to the winery over the next couple of weeks.

“We're very pleased with the results,” said Ian.

“They're wines that are drinking exceptionally well on release, and we're confident that the Major's Line, especially, will cellar well for at least five years.”

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NOTE 2: For stockist details, please contact Vintners on (03) 9645 4491.

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