

2006 Reserve Shiraz



Appearance

Intense black plum colour.

Bouquet

Lifted complex aromas of redskin, smoke & toast – a superbly complex nose of savoury deli meats & rich berry fruits with vanilla bean, cream brulee & dark spices.

Palate

The palate entry is rich thick & structural, leading into the thick juicy mid palate. Seamless. Fresh bloodplum & black cherry fruit flavours. A gobful of power, richness, complexity, texture & length.

Winemaking

Sourced from selected premium McLaren Vale vineyards blocks with a range of soil types contributing structural & flavour complexity. Soils include Bay of Biscay soils, grey loam, & red gravels. Harvested when fruit flavours, grape tannins & acids reached maturity. Fermentation on skins was for 10 - 11 days with a major proportion of the wine (90%) completing fermentation in barrel for integration & texture of oak & tannins. Maturation of fruit from each vineyard batch was considered & completed in specialized oak from a range of coopers from France, USA & Australia to produce the most complex & complete batch possible prior to blending. Maturation was for 20 months in both new & used oak barrels.

Barrel by barrel selection during all stages of fermentation & barrel maturation to ensure only the best Shiraz barrels were selected for the final blend. Final blend proportions determined purely by quality.

Alcohol

14.5% by vol.

Winemakers

Chris Dix & Scott Zrna

Viticulture

Nick Wiltshire

Ageing Potential

Drinking best up to 2015. This wine can be decanted for up to 2 hours prior to consumption. Our Shiraz is an exquisite accompaniment for full flavoured food, but is sufficiently complex & satisfying to be savoured on its own.

Press Reviews

"Huge, dense, inky wine packed with flavour - lots of lively fruit, which is hard to see right now sitting underneath all that spicy oak & firm tannins. Young & raw at the moment - but what a future!" ★ ★ ★ ★ ½

Winestate Magazine, Best Wines of 2008, Jan/Feb 2009

"Decadent wine & fully satisfying" 94pts

The Big Red Wine Book 2010, Campbell Mattinson & Gary Walsh

Awards

Trophy for Best New World Red Wine, China Wine Challenge 2011

Award for Best Australian Wine, Japan Wine Challenge 2009

Excellent Classification, Langton's Classification of Australian Wine IV

Blue Gold Medal/Top 100, Sydney International Wine Competition 2010

Gold Medal, China Wine Challenge 2011

Gold Medal, Japan Wine Challenge 2009

Gold Medal (Best in Class), International Wine & Spirit Competition 2009

Gold Medal, Decanter World Wine Awards 2009

Gold Medal, International Wine Challenge 2009

Gold Medal, McLaren Vale Wine Show 2009

Silver Medal, International Wine Challenge 2008

Silver Medal, International Wine & Spirit Competition 2008

Silver Medal, Wine & Spirits Asia Challenge 2008

Silver Medal, Viny Great Australian Shiraz Challenge 2009

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Silver Medal, Sydney Royal Wine Show 2008

Silver Medal, Cairns Show Wine Awards 2009

