



# Shingleback

Cellar Door

2004 SHIRAZ

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## McLAREN VALE

This region has a Mediterranean climate with wet winters, dry summers and plenty of sunshine. The proximity to the St. Vincent Gulf, coincidentally named after the patron saint of winemakers, benefits fruit quality with warmer spring and autumn conditions and cooler summers. McLaren Vale is renowned as a premium wine region of great beauty that consistently produces wines of the highest quality with rich flavours.

## DAVEY FAMILY VINEYARD

The Davey Family Vineyard is located in the Willunga Basin at the southern end of the acclaimed McLaren Vale Wine Region. Brothers Kym and John Davey planted the Davey Family Vineyard on land that the family has owned since 1959. This site is dedicated to producing high quality, intensely coloured and flavoured grapes, utilizing innovative canopy management and progressive viticultural techniques. Each year, award-winning Shingleback winemaker, John Davey, reserves select parcels of wine for sale at our McLaren Vale Cellar Door. As we have no Cellar Door outside South Australia, we are now making these exclusive wines available to our export customers.

## VINTAGE NOTE

The 2004 growing season was climatically normal, with good spring growth and a long, dry autumn. Ripening was slightly later than usual, with whites being picked in mid-March and reds in late March to late April. If there is one word to describe the 2004 vintage, it is fruitful. Although it is common to thin fruit from young vines, in the 2004 growing season one third of the crop was removed from even the oldest vines, just prior to veraison. The end result was small berries with intense fruit flavours which will rival the outstanding 2002 vintage.

## TASTING NOTE FROM JOHN DAVEY, WINEMAKER

A deep magenta colour. Intense ripe strawberry and blackberry aromas are enhanced by hints of spice and vanilla. A rich, powerful strawberry mid-palate is elegantly framed with silky, fine-grained American oak. A medium-full bodied wine with luscious fruit that, although enticing in its youth, will reward 2-3 years in the cellar.

## VINEYARD SOURCE

Davey Family Vineyard, McLaren Vale

## VARIETY BLEND

96% Shiraz

4% Cabernet Sauvignon

## BOTTLING

Alcohol : 13.9%

TA : 6.22g/L

pH : 3.5

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