

Red Knot

2007
SHIRAZ



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Producing more than half of all Australian wines, South Australia boasts some of the oldest individual vines in the world. South Australia's vast diversity of geography and climate plays a part in the regions successful production of a wide range of varieties from cool climate Riesling to big, full-bodied Shiraz. Ripened to perfection, these wines are fruit forward and well balanced.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2007 vintage will be remembered for the driest winter and spring on record. Early recognition of the severity of the drought triggered supplementary irrigation as early as bud swell. The environmentally sensitive use of recycled water to supplement underground water resources allowed the establishment and maintenance of balanced canopies. Yields were well down, due to small berries and loose, open bunches. Rain in January caused some minor berry splitting but breathed new life into the vines.

Split berries shrivelled away cleanly and the only detrimental effect was on yield. Steady ripening has resulted in highly aromatic and intensely flavoured fruit, showing balanced acidity and textured tannins.

TASTING NOTE

Bright plum red. Fragrant strawberry and black cherry aromas are subtly enhanced with floral nuances and hints of savoury oak. The mid-palate overflows with ripe, luscious berries and the long fruit finish is defined with a fresh acidity and subtle American and French oak. A medium - full bodied wine that is enticing and seductive in its youth.

VINEYARD SOURCE

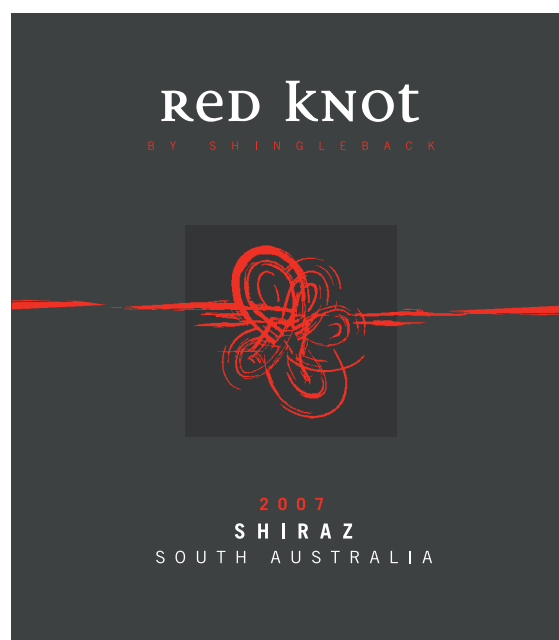
Davey Family Vineyard, McLaren Vale
Riverland

VARIETY BLEND

95% Shiraz
5% Cabernet Sauvignon

BOTTLING

pH: 3.51
TA: 6.2 g/L
ALC: 14.0%



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