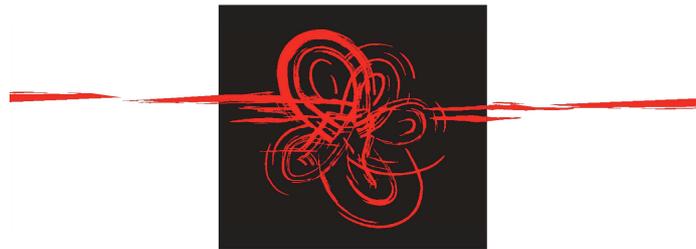


Red Knot



2008
GRENACHE SHIRAZ
MOURVÈDRE

McLaren Vale

The region has a Mediterranean climate with wet winters, dry summers and plenty of sunshine. The proximity to 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 high quality wines with rich flavours.

Vintage Notes

Good winter rainfalls, followed by ideal spring and summer conditions, created strong, healthy canopies in balance with the slightly above average yields. The whites ripened early with intense fruit flavours and balanced acidity. Harvesting commenced in mid February and was completed over the following 10 days. The harvest of reds started with Shiraz in late February, powerful mid-palate fruit was immediately evident. An unprecedented 15 consecutive days of temperatures above 35°C began on March 3rd, precipitating the race to bring in the fruit, testing the mettle of men and machinery.

This was a vintage of contrast, with the early fruit being outstanding in richness and concentration, whilst the later, heat affected fruit was left to shrivel on the vine. 2008 will be remembered as a unique vintage that reminds us that on nature's stage we are merely players.

Tasting Note

Vibrant, dark cherry colour. Aromas of bright raspberries and fragrant roses are supported with a subtle oak frame.

The palate is a compote of red and dark berry fruit. The luscious grenache is complemented and structurally enhanced by the darker berry flavours and ripe tannins of the shiraz and mourvèdre, offering immediate appeal. With age, the wine will develop an attractive, savoury complexity.

McLAREN VALE

Vineyard Source

McLaren Vale

Variety Blend

68% Grenache
18% Shiraz
14% Mourvèdre

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Alc: 14.5%
pH: 3.46
TA: 6.3g/L

Accolades

BRONZE MEDAL

2009 New Zealand International Wine Show, Class 19

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2009 Royal Queensland Wine Show, Class 59



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