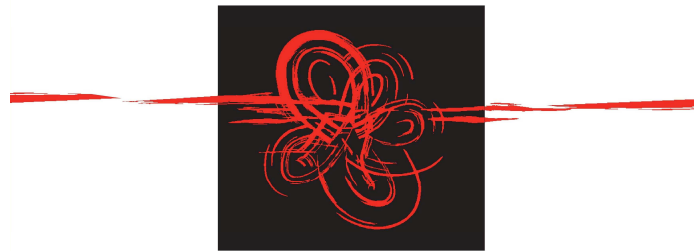


# Red Knot



2007

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

McLAREN VALE

## 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.

## VINEYARD SOURCE

Shingleback Vineyard, McLaren Vale  
Friends & Neighbours Vineyards, McLaren Vale

## VARIETY BLEND

90% Cabernet Sauvignon  
10% Shiraz

## 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. Unlike many areas McLaren Vale was unaffected by frost. 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 with the red wines showing balanced acidity and textured tannins.

## VARIETY BLEND

Alc: 14.0%  
pH: 3.53  
TA: 6.9 g/L

## ACCOLADES

### SILVER MEDAL

2009 International Wine Challenge, Vienna

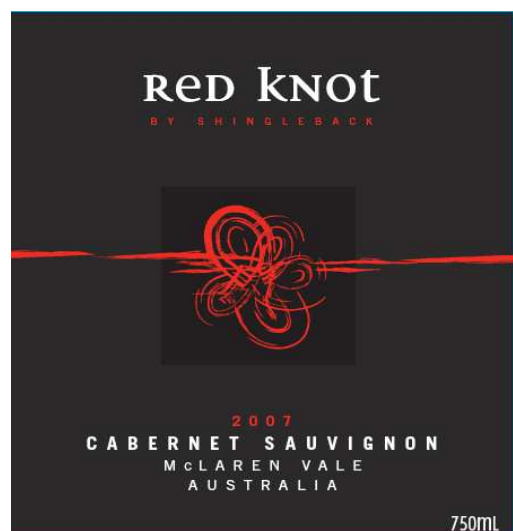
### BRONZE MEDAL

2008 McLaren Vale Wine Show, Class 46

## TASTING NOTE

Deep red with purple hues. Blackberry and dark chocolate aromas, with hints of eucalypt and vanillin French and American oak. A medium bodied wine, filled with ripe berry and dark cherry flavours, subtly enhanced with toasty oak.

Fresh acidity complements the long, sweet fruit finish, resulting in a wine with immediate appeal and varietal presence.



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