

## RED KNOT

### 2004 CABERNET SAUVIGNON McLAREN VALE

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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

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

Deep red with youthful purple hues. Enveloping cassis and chocolate aromas are highlighted by fragrant violets and savoury cashew oak. A full bodied wine with intense ripe blackberry fruit and a firm tannin finish. A serious wine for the cabernet lover, with great structure, balance and length of flavour.

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#### VINEYARD SOURCE

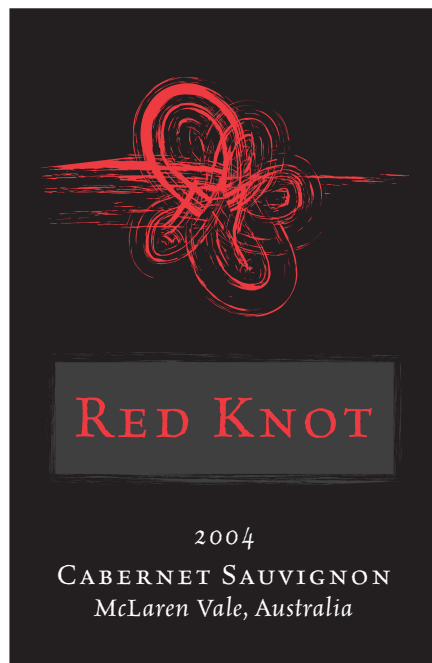
Davey Family Vineyard, McLaren Vale  
Friends & Neighbours' Vineyards, McLaren Vale

#### VARIETY BLEND

92% Cabernet Sauvignon  
8% Shiraz

#### BOTTLING

pH: 3.48  
TA: 6.89 g/L  
ALC: 13.94%



#### ACCOLADES

SILVER MEDAL - CLASS 15A  
2005 New Zealand International Wine Show