



Shingleback

McLaren Vale

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Winemaker John Davey Introduces New McLaren Vale Shiraz: “The Gate” is Big, Bold and Powerful.

McLaren Vale, South Australia – winemaker John Davey today announced the Australian debut of “The Gate,” a blockbuster Shiraz styled to appeal to serious collectors for its explosive fruit, complexity and density. The 2002 vintage will be released this March.

Due to limited production, the wine was originally sold only in the U.S., but as John explains, “This is a style that has universal appeal among Shiraz devotees so we increased production just a bit with the 2002 vintage to allow us to keep some here at home.” The Gate retails for \$45.00.

John, who co-owns the Davey Family Vineyards in the Willunga Basin at the southern end of the McLaren Vale Wine Region with his brother Kym, says the wine is styled to be big and bold and is “meant to push the outer limits of Australian Shiraz by remaining fruit-forward while gaining concentration and intensity as it ages.”

The 2002 vintage has already earned significant acclaim in the Australian wine circuit, awards include The 2005 Sydney International Wine Competition – Top 100 & Blue Gold; 2004 Great Australian Shiraz Challenge – Gold Medal; The 2004 Royal Melbourne Wine Show – Gold Medal; 90 point rating from both *The Wine Spectator* and *Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate*.

The 2002 Gate is a full-bodied, powerful, integrated wine loaded with blackberry and ripe strawberry flavours and notable for its silky tannins. Relying on grapes from the family's estate vineyard, John chose select blocks that consistently yield fruit of superior depth and seamless structure. All of the wine was fermented in small batch lots and then aged in American and French Oak barrels for 16 months.

Brothers John and Kym Davey are also known for their Shingleback wines. Shingleback is family-owned, handcrafting rich fruit-forward Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay from their McLaren Vale estate vineyards utilising innovative canopy management and progressive viticultural techniques to produce wines of exceptional quality and character.

In addition to limited distribution at fine restaurants and wine shops throughout Australia, The Gate is also available through Shingleback's cellar door located at the McLaren Vale & Fleurieu Visitors Centre, 1 Main Road, McLaren Vale. The cellar door is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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