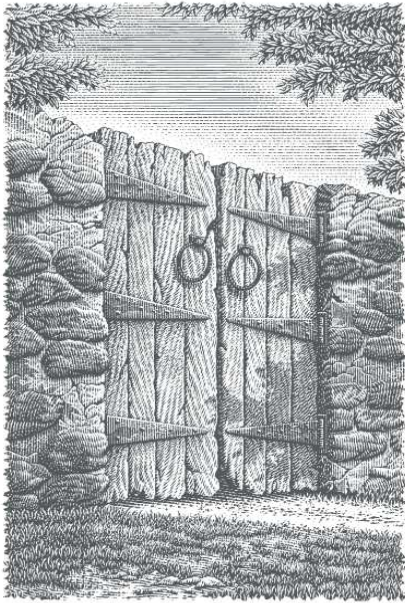


THE GATE



McLAREN VALE
2005 SHIRAZ

750ML

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VINEYARD SOURCE

Shingleback Vineyard, McLaren Vale

VARIETY BLEND

100% Shiraz

BOTTLING

Alc: 14.5%

TA: 7.0 g/L

pH: 3.42

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McLAREN VALE

First planted with vinifera vines in the 1830s, McLaren Vale is best known today for its internationally-acclaimed, rich, flavourful Shiraz. The climate here is similar to the Mediterranean and its suitability to vinifera grape growing is defined by several factors. The region's proximity to Gulf St. Vincent moderates climatic conditions; warm summer daytime temperatures (average 27°C / 80.6°F) and cool afternoon sea breezes ripen grapes slowly and evenly. Weak soils limit canopy development and produce complex, flavourful grapes.

VINTAGE NOTES

With a cool summer and a warm, dry autumn creating perfect growing conditions, 2005 will possibly be recognised as one of South Australia's greatest vintages. All varieties fully ripened with intense fruit flavours and balanced natural acidity. The reds are vibrant in colour with mature, textured tannins. The whites and rosés are fragrant and intensely varietal.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Select parcels of fruit from Shiraz vines grown across the Shingleback Vineyard are handcrafted in small, open fermenters to maximise the potential of each unique batch. Maturation for 15 months in 45% new and 55% one year old, fine grained American and French oak hogsheads softens, enhances and integrates the fruit and structural components of the wine. Individual barrel selection is carried out to create the final blend, which is minimally filtered prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTE FROM JOHN DAVEY, WINEMAKER

Deep red. A compote of fragrant strawberries, blackberries and black cherries lift from the glass. The dark, ripe berry aromas and mouthfilling flavours are defined by richly toasted American and French oak. A traditionally powerful Australian Shiraz, with a refined masculinity.

ACCOLADES

GOLD MEDAL - 2009 Dallas Morning News Wine Competition, USA

GOLD MEDAL - 2008 LA International Wine Competition (USA)

GOLD MEDAL - 2008 International Wine Challenge Vienna

GOLD MEDAL - 2008 Mundus Vini Great Wine Awards (Germany)

GOLD MEDAL - 2008 New Zealand International Wine Show, Class 18a