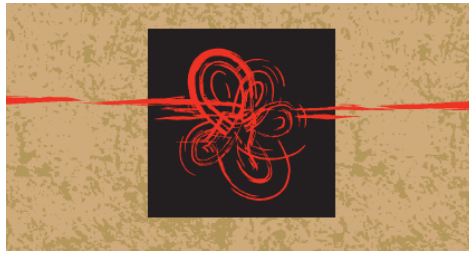


RED KNOT

Classic



2007
SHIRAZ

south australia

Producing more than half of all Australian wines, South Australia boasts some of the oldest individual vines in the world. South Australia's vast diversity of geography and climate plays a part in the region's successful production of a wide range of varieties from cool climate Riesling to big, full-bodied Shiraz. Ripened to perfection, these wines are fruit forward and well balanced.

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 other 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 shriveled away cleanly and the only detrimental effect was on yield. Steady ripening has resulted in intensely flavoured fruit with the red wines showing vibrant fruit and textured tannins.

tasting note

Dark cherry red. Bright summer strawberry and blackberry fruit aromas are softened by sweet mocha and caramel nuances from maturation in American and French oak. The ripe berry fruit of the mid-palate is in harmony with the earthy, savoury elements of the wine. A full bodied wine, with the generosity of fruit that is typical of Shiraz, and the rich tannin structure of the low yielding 2007 vintage.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

VINEYARD SOURCE

McLaren Vale
Riverland

VARIETY BLEND

100% Shiraz

BOTTLING

Alc: 14.0%
pH: 3.51
TA: 6.1 g/L



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