



# BLACK LABEL

CABERNET SAUVIGNON SHIRAZ  
1978

THE 1978 VINTAGE SEES THE 6<sup>TH</sup> CONSECUTIVE RELEASE OF BLACK LABEL, OUR ICONIC FLAGSHIP AND THE FIRST ULTRA-PREMIUM WINE MADE BY WOLF BLASS, WITH THE AIM TO CREATE THE FINEST RED BLEND FROM THE VINTAGE.

The philosophy behind Black Label is simple: to take the year's very best wines and weave them together into a synergistic whole, the resultant wine being greater than the sum of its parts. It's about creating a wine with many layers of flavour in a complex composition of intense fruit characters, magnificent structure, a rich lustrous texture, long velvety tannins and a lingering palate.

Fruit for Black Label is chosen solely on the basis of its intensity of flavour and potential for longevity.



## WINE SPECIFICATIONS

VINEYARD REGION	<i>Langhorne Creek, Barossa Valley, Clare Valley</i>
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	<i>A dry winter was followed by welcome November rains, however thereafter the season remained dry until April. The resultant wines showed fruit power and strong body.</i>
GRAPE VARIETY	<i>80% Langhorne Creek Cabernet Sauvignon - 20% Barossa Valley and Clare Valley Shiraz</i>
MATURATION	<i>18 months maturation in 50% American, 30% French Nevers and 20% German oak hogsheads.</i>
WINE ANALYSIS	<i>Alc/Vol: 12.5%</i>
PEAK DRINKING	<i>Assessment in 2011 recommends drinking now.</i>

AWARDS	<i>The Montgomery Trophy for Best Dry Red Table Wine:            1980 Royal Adelaide Wine Show (Class 18)            The Robert Bryce Trophy for Best Dry Red Classes 8-11:            1981 Barossa Wine Show (Class 10)            Grand Gold Medal: 1980 Ljubljana Wine Show            Gold Medal: 1985 Sydney Royal Wine Show (Class 39)            Gold Medal: 1984 Monde Selection            Gold Medal: 1981 Royal Queensland Wine Show (Class 39)            Gold Medal: 1981 Barossa Wine Show (Class 10)            Gold Medal: 1980 Sydney Royal Wine Show (Class 16)            Gold Medal: 1980 Royal Adelaide Wine Show (Class 18)            Gold Medal: 1979 Perth Royal Wine Show (Class 11)            Gold Medal: 1979 Royal Melbourne Wine Show (Class 24)            Gold Medal: 1979 Royal Hobart Wine Show (Class 24)            Gold Medal: 1979 Royal Queensland Wine Show (Class 16)</i>
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## WINEMAKER COMMENTS

COLOUR	<i>Clear brick red with crimson and chestnut hues.</i>
NOSE	<i>A complex nose with intense red cherry, tangerine and minty aromas and dark chocolate notes. The oak is evident but well integrated and balanced.</i>
PALATE	<i>The palate still displays powerful sweet fruit with hints of praline, chocolatey tannins and underlying savoury notes, with a firm, long dry finish. A wonderful combination of maturity and bottle age.</i>
TASTED	<i>2011</i>

*Winemaker: John Glaetzer*