



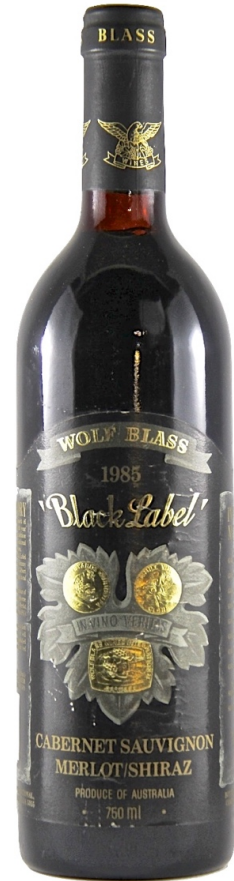
BLACK LABEL

CABERNET MERLOT SHIRAZ 1985

THE 1985 VINTAGE SEES THE 13TH 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. The individual vineyard batches were fermented on skins to 4° Baume then pressed, with the fermentation completed in new oak.



WINE SPECIFICATIONS

VINEYARD REGION	<i>Langhorne Creek, McLaren Vale, Eden Valley</i>
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	<i>A hot dry start to the season was followed by rain in March which delayed harvest. Langhorne Creek was less affected than most regions and the vintage produced high quality wines.</i>
GRAPE VARIETY	<i>75% Langhorne Creek, McLaren Vale & Eden Valley Cabernet Sauvignon - 20% Langhorne Creek Merlot - 5% Eden Valley Shiraz</i>
MATURATION	<i>Maturation in French and American oak.</i>
WINE ANALYSIS	<i>Alc/Vol: 12.5%</i>
PEAK DRINKING	<i>Assessment in 2011 recommends drinking now.</i>
AWARDS	<i>The JB McMahon Trophy for Best Non-Regional Commercial Dry Red Class 35: 1990 McLaren Vale Wine Show (Class 35) The Montgomery Trophy for Best Dry Red Full Bodied, Soft Table Wine: 1987 Royal Adelaide Wine Show (Class 15) Double Gold Medal: 1991 Ljubljana Wine Show Gold Medal: 1991 Sydney Royal Wine Show (Class 42) Gold Medal: 1991 National Orange Show, California Gold Medal: 1990 McLaren Wine Show (Class 35) Gold Medal: 1990 Intervin Canada Gold Medal: 1989 National Wine Show ((Class 51) Gold Medal: 1988 Royal Queensland Wine Show Gold Medal: 1987 Rutherglen Wine Show Gold Medal: 1987 Royal Melbourne Wine Show Gold Medal: 1987 Royal Hobart Wine Show Gold Medal: 1987 Cowra Wine Show Gold Medal: 1987 Royal Adelaide Wine Show (Class 15) Gold Medal: 1986 Rutherglen Wine Show Gold Medal: 1986 Royal Melbourne Wine Show</i>

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

COLOUR	<i>Medium crimson brick colour.</i>
NOSE	<i>Dark chocolate, herb and mint aromas.</i>
PALATE	<i>A lovely soft, sweet palate showing supple Merlot influence with flavours of dark chocolate and mint. The finish is firm with long, structural Cabernet tannins.</i>
TASTED	<i>2011</i>

Winemaker: John Glaetzer